



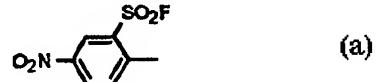
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(54) Title: MONOAZO DYES CONTAINING A FLUOROSULPHONYL GROUP AND USE THEREOF

(57) Abstract

A process for colouring a synthetic textile material or fibre blend thereof which comprises applying to the synthetic textile material a compound or mixture thereof, which is free from water solubilising groups, of the Formula (1) A-N=N-D, wherein: A and D each independently is an optionally substituted heterocyclic or carbocyclic group and at least one of A or D carries directly at least one -SO₂F group or carries a substituent to which at least one -SO₂F group is attached except for 4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-N,N-dimethylaniline, provided that one of A or D is not 3,5-difluorosulphonylthien-2-yl, optionally substituted 1-phenyl-pyrazol-4-yl-5-one or (a) or that one of A or D does not carry an -NCH₂CH(OH)CH₂Cl, -NCOCH₂Cl or -NCH₂CH₂SO₂F substituent. The presence of one or more -SO₂F groups in a dye molecule generally improves the properties of that dye and confers surprisingly good wet fastness and light fastness properties.



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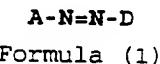
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**MONOAZO DYES CONTAINING A FLUOROSULPHONYL GROUP
AND USE THEREOF**

The present invention relates to a process for colouring synthetic textile materials, to synthetic textiles when coloured, to a process for the mass coloration of plastics, to plastics when coloured, to certain novel azo dyes and to compositions containing azo dyes.

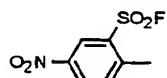
5 According to the present invention there is provided a process for colouring a synthetic textile material or fibre blend thereof which comprises applying to the synthetic textile material a compound or mixture thereof, which is free from water solubilising groups, of Formula (1):

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wherein:

15 A and D each independently is an optionally substituted heterocyclic or carbocyclic group and at least one of A or D carries directly at least one $-\text{SO}_2\text{F}$ group or carries a substituent to which at least one $-\text{SO}_2\text{F}$ group is attached except for 4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-N,N-dimethylaniline, provided that one of A or D is not 3,5-difluorosulphonylthien-2-yl, optionally substituted 1-phenyl-pyrazol-4-yl-5-one or

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or that one of A or D does not carry an $-\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$, $-\text{NCOCH}_2\text{Cl}$ or $-\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_2\text{F}$ substituent.

30 Different compounds of Formula (1) may be mixed or the compounds of Formula (1) may be mixed with dyes which do not contain an $-\text{SO}_2\text{F}$ group. The mixtures may be simple physical mixtures or may be mixed crystals formed for example by co-crystallisation. Such mixtures generally show improvement in dyeing properties. Crystalline modifications of compounds of Formula (1) exist and it is intended that the present definition includes such crystalline modifications which may be formed by heat treatment.

35 The presence of one or more $-\text{SO}_2\text{F}$ groups in a dye molecule generally improves the properties of that dye and confers surprisingly good wet-fastness and light-fastness properties.

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According to a first embodiment of the present invention

there is provided a process for colouring a synthetic textile material or fibre blend thereof which comprises applying to the synthetic textile material a compound or mixture thereof, which is free from water solubilising groups, of Formula (1) wherein A and D each independently is an optionally substituted heterocyclic or carbocyclic group in which at least one of A or D carries directly at least one $-SO_2F$ group or carries a substituent to which at least one $-SO_2F$ group is attached and at least one of A or D carries directly at least one ester group or carries a substituent to which at least one ester group is attached.

Azo dyes containing both an $-SO_2F$ and an ester group have improved performances in wash fastness properties over azo dyes carrying only an $-SO_2F$ group.

The synthetic textile material may be selected from secondary cellulose acetate, cellulose triacetate, polyamide, polyacrylonitrile and aromatic polyester. The synthetic textile material is preferably polyamide or aromatic polyester, more preferably aromatic polyester such as polyhexamethylene adipamide or polyethylene terephthalate and especially polyethylene terephthalate. Fibre blends may comprise mixtures of different synthetic textile materials or mixtures of synthetic and natural textile materials. Preferred fibre blends are those of polyester cellulose such as polyester-cotton. The textile materials or blends thereof may be in the form of filaments, loose fibres, yarn, woven or knitted fibres.

According to a second embodiment of the present invention there is provided a process for colouring a polyester textile material or fibre blend thereof which comprises applying to the polyester textile material a compound or mixture thereof, which is free from water solubilising groups, of Formula (1) in which A and D are as herein before defined except for 4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-N,N-dimethylaniline, provided that one of A or D is not 3,5-difluorosulphonylthien-2-yl, optionally substituted 1-phenylpyrazol-4-yl-5-one or 4-nitro-2-fluorosulphonylphenyl or that one of A or D does not carry an $-NCH_2CH_2SO_2F$ substituent.

The dyes of Formula (1) preferably have low solubility in water, typically less than 1% preferably less than 0.5% and especially less than 0.2% solubility in water. The dyes of Formula (1) are thus free from water solubilising groups such as $-SO_3H$, $-CO_2H$, $-PO_3H$ and quaternary amino.

The compounds of Formula (1), optionally in conjunction with other disperse dyes may be applied to the synthetic textile materials or fibre blends thereof by methods which are conventionally employed in dyeing disperse dyes to such materials and fibre blends.

The process conditions may be selected from the following:

- i) exhaust dyeing at a pH of from 4 to 6.5, at a temperature of from

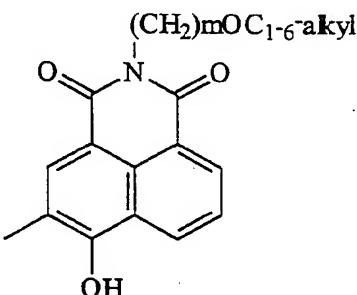
- 125°C to 140°C for from 10 to 120 minutes and under a pressure of
from 1 to 2 bar, a sequestrant may be optionally be added;
- ii) continuous dyeing at a pH of from 4 to 6.5, at a temperature of
from 190°C to 225°C for from 15 seconds to 5 minutes, a migration
inhibitor may optionally be added;
- 5 iii) printing direct at a pH of from 4 to 6.5, at a temperature of from
160°C to 185°C for 4 to 15 minutes for high temperature steaming,
or at a temperature of from 190°C to 225°C for 15 seconds to 5
minutes for bake fixation with dry heat or at a temperature of from
10 120°C to 140°C and 1 to 2 bar for 10 to 45 minutes for pressure
steaming, wetting agents and thickeners (such as alginates) of from
5 to 100% by weight of the dye may be optionally be added;
- 15 iv) discharge printing (by padding the dye onto the textile material,
drying and overprinting) at a pH of from 4 to 6.5, migration
inhibitors and thickeners may optionally be added;
- v) carrier dyeing at a pH of from 4 to 6.5, at a temperature of from
95°C to 100°C using a carrier such as methylnaphthalene,
diphenylamine or 2-phenylphenol, sequesterants may optionally be
added; and
- 20 vi) atmospheric dyeing of acetate, triacetate and nylon at a pH of from
4 to 6.5, at a temperature of 85°C for acetate or at a temperature
of 90°C for triacetate and nylon for from 15 to 90 minutes,
sequesterants may optionally be added.

In all the above processes the compound of Formula (1) is
25 applied as a dispersion comprising from 0.001% to 4% of the compound in
aqueous medium.

The present compounds generally provide coloured textile
material which shows good fastness to washing, light and heat.

The heterocyclic group represented by A and D may be selected
30 from thiaryl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, pyridyl,
pyridonyl, 1,2,4- and 1,3,4-thiadiazolyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, pyridazyl,
pyrimidyl, pyrazinyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoisothiazolyl, quinolinyl,
isoquinolinyl, indolyl, pyridothiazolyl, pyridoisothiazolyl, 1,2,3-
35 triazolyl and 1,2,4-triazolyl. The carbocyclic group represented by A or
D may be phenyl or naphthyl.

For the avoidance of doubt optionally substituted
isoquinolinyl represented by A includes structures of the formula:



in which m is from 1 to 4 and m is preferably 3.

A and D each independently is preferably thienyl, phenyl, naphthyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyridonyl, quinolinyl more preferably thien-2-yl, phenyl, naphth-1-yl, naphth-2-yl, thiazol-2-yl, isothiazol-5-yl, pyrid-4-one-5-yl or quinolinyl. A is especially preferably thien-2-yl or phenyl and D is especially preferably phenyl or naphth-1-yl.

Examples of suitable substituents for A and D are cyano, hydroxy, nitro, fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo, fluorosulphonyl, trifluoromethyl, alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, fluorosulphonylaryl, fluorosulphonylaryloxy, -COalkyl, -COOalkyl, -OCOalkyl, -COaryl, -COOaryl, -NHC0alkyl, -NHCOaryl, -NHSO₂alkyl, -NHSO₂aryl, -Salkyl, -Saryl, -SO₂alkyl, -SO₂aryl, -SCN or -NR¹R² in which R¹ and R² each independently is -H, alkyl, aryl or cycloalkyl all the alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy parts of the above substituents for A, D, R¹ and R² may optionally be substituted by -OH, -CN, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -SO₂F, alkoxy, alkenyl, phenyl, phenylSO₂F, aryloxy, aryloxySO₂F, -N(alkyl)₂, -OCOalkyl, -OCOalkylCl, -COOalkyl, -COOalkylOH, -COOalkylCN, -COOalkylCOalkyl, -COOalkylphenyl, -OCO phenyl, -COPhenylSO₂F, -OCOPhenylNO₂, -OCOPhenylalkyl, -OCOPhenylalkoxy, -COOphenyl, -OCO(fluorosulphonylphenyl), -OalkylCN, -COOalkylOalkyl, -COOalkylOphenyl, -OCOalkylOphenyl, -COOalkylOalkylOalkyl, -OCOalkylCOOalkyl, -OalkylCOOalkyl, -OalkylCOOalkylOalkyl, -OalkylCOOalkylCOOalkyl, -OalkylOCOalkylOalkyl, -COOalkylOCOalkyl or -COOalkylCOOalkyl,



in which L is -H or alkyl.

In all of the suitable substituents for A and D each alkyl is preferably C₁₋₁₀-alkyl, each alkoxy is preferably C₁₋₁₀-alkoxy, each alkenyl is preferably C₂₋₈-alkenyl each of which may be straight or branched chain, each aryl is preferably phenyl or naphthyl and each heterocyclic group may be any of the groups described above for A and D and each alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl, aryl, heterocyclic or phenyl group may carry an -SO₂F substituent. R¹ and R² together with the -N atom to which they are attached may form a 5- or 6- membered ring such as morpholino or piperidino.

A further suitable substituent for A and D is a group of Formula R¹⁹-N-Y-X-W in which

Y is a direct link or C = O,

X is a direct link, optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, heterocyclic, alkylOalkyl, alkylNHalkyl or -NR²⁰-Z-

or -O-Z- in which Z is optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, heterocyclic, alkylOalkyl, .alkylNHalkyl or a direct link and R²⁰ is -H, optionally substituted alkyl, aryl or alkylaryl,

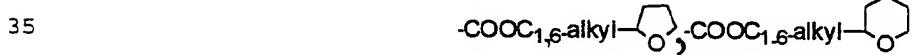
5 W is -CO₂R²¹, -OCOR²¹, -OH or -CN in which R²¹ is optionally substituted alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, alkylOalkyl or alkylOH,

R¹⁹ is -H or optionally substituted alkyl.

Where X, Z, R¹⁹, R²⁰ or R²¹ is or contains alkyl it is preferably C₁₋₈-alkyl more preferably C₁₋₆-alkyl each of which may be straight or branched chain or cyclic alkyl. Where X or Z is alkenyl it is preferably C₂₋₈-alkenyl which may be straight or branched chain or cyclic alkenyl. Where X, Z, R²⁰ or R²¹ is aryl it is preferably phenyl or naphthyl more preferably phenyl. Where X or Z is heterocyclic it may be selected from any of the heterocyclic groups defined above for A. Where X, Z or R²¹ is alkylOalkyl it is preferably C₁₋₆-alkylOC₁₋₆-alkyl each alkyl may be straight or branched chain and the alkylOalkyl group may be cyclic ether. Where X or Z is alkylNHalkyl it is preferably C₁₋₆-alkylNH₁₋₆-alkyl in which each alkyl may be straight or branched chain and the alkylNHalkyl group may be a cyclic amine. Where R²⁰ or R²¹ is alkylaryl it is preferably C₁₋₆-alkylaryl more preferably C₁₋₆-alkylphenyl and especially benzyl or ethylphenyl. Where R²¹ is alkylOH it is preferably C₁₋₆-alkylOH.

25 The optional substituents for any of the groups represented by X, Z, R¹⁹, R²⁰ or R²¹ may be selected from any of the optional substituents listed for A, D, R¹ or R².

Preferred substituents for A and D are cyano, nitro, chloro, bromo, fluorosulphonyl, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₁₋₆-alkoxy, -COC₁₋₆-alkyl, -NHCOC₁₋₆-alkyl, -OCOC₁₋₆-alkyl, -COOC₁₋₆-alkyl, phenoxy, 4-SO₂Fphenoxy, R¹⁹N-Y-X-W in which R¹⁹, Y, X and W are as herein before defined, and -NR¹R² in which R¹ and R² each independently is -H, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₁₋₆-alkyl substituted by -OH, -CN, -Cl, phenyl, -OCOC₁₋₆-alkyl, -COOC₁₋₆-alkyl,



-C₁₋₄-alkyl(4-fluorosulphonylphenyl), -OCO(3-fluorosulphonylphenyl), -OCO(4-fluorosulphonylphenyl), -C₂₋₄-alkenyl, -COOC₁₋₆-alkylOC₁₋₆-alkyl, -OC₁₋₆-alkylCN, -OC₁₋₆-alkylOCOC₁₋₆-alkylLOC₁₋₆-alkyl, -COOalkylOCOalkyl and -COOalkylCOOalkyl or where R¹ and R² together with the -N atom to which they are attached form a morpholino or piperidino ring.

The compounds of Formula (1) preferably carry a total of from one to three -SO₂F groups, more preferably one or two -SO₂F groups and

especially one $-SO_2F$ groups.

The compounds of Formula (1) more preferably carry one $-SO_2F$ group and one ester group.

5 A number of compounds of Formula (1) used in the above coloration process are novel and according to a further feature of the present invention there is provided a compound of Formula (2):



Formula (2)

10 in which:

A^1 and D^1 each independently is an optionally substituted heterocyclic or carbocyclic group

and at least one of A^1 or D^1 carries directly at least one $-SO_2F$ group or carries a substituent to which at least one $-SO_2F$ group is attached

15 except for 4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-N,N-dimethylaniline,

4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-N,N-diethylaniline,

4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-N-ethyl-N-acetoxyethylaniline,

1-(5-fluorosulphonyl-2-methylphenylazo)-2-hydroxynaphthalene,

4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-(trifluoromethylcarbonylamino)-N-ethyl-

20 N-(2-methoxyethyl)aniline,

4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-(trifluoromethylcarbonylamino)-N-ethyl-N-(2-cyanoethyl)aniline,

4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-2,5-dimethyl-N-ethyl-N-(2-methoxyethyl)aniline,

25 4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-2,5-dimethyl-N-ethyl-N-(2-cyanoethyl)aniline,

4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-N-ethyl-N-(2-fluorosulphonylethyl)aniline,

30 4-(3-fluorosulphonyl-4-methylphenylazo)-3-(trifluoromethylcarbonylamino)-N-ethyl-N-(2-methoxyethyl)aniline,

4-(3-fluorosulphonyl-4-methylphenylazo)-2,5-dimethyl-N-ethyl-N-(2-methoxyethyl)aniline,

4-(3-fluorosulphonyl-4-chlorophenylazo)-3-(trifluoromethylcarbonylamino)-N-ethyl-N-(2-methoxyethyl)aniline,

35 4-(3-fluorosulphonyl-4-chlorophenylazo)-2,5-dimethyl-N-ethyl-N-(2-methoxethyl)aniline,

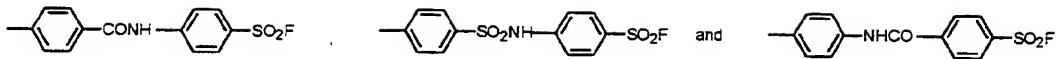
4-(5-fluorosulphonyl-2-methylphenylazo)-1-aminonaphthalene,

4-(5-fluorosulphonyl-2-methylphenylazo)-2-ethoxyaniline,

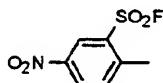
4-(3-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-2,5-dimethoxyaniline,

4-(2-chloro-4-nitrophenylazo)-2-methyl-5-fluorosulphonylaniline,

provided that A^1 is not 3,5-difluorosulphonylthien-2-yl, optionally substituted pyrazol-4-yl-5-one or N-allylpyrid-2-one-5-yl and provided that A^1 is not



when D¹ carries an -NCH₂CH(OH)CH₂Cl substituent and provided that one of A¹ or D¹ is not



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and provided that A¹ is not a fluorosulphonylphenyl group when D¹ is an arylamide of an aromatic 2-hydroxycarboxylic acid.

A¹ and D¹ each independently may be any of the heterocyclic groups defined for A above. A¹ and D¹ each independently may be any of the carbocyclic groups defined for A and D above.

A¹ and D¹ each independently is preferably thienyl, phenyl, naphthyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl or pyridonyl, more preferably thienyl, phenyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl or pyridonyl and especially thien-2-yl, phenyl, thiazol-2-yl, isothiazol-5-yl or pyrid-4-one-5-yl.

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D¹ is preferably phenyl.

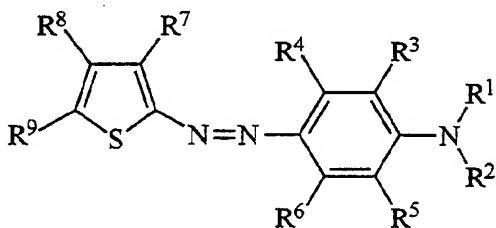
Preferred compounds of Formulae (1) and (2) are those in which A or A¹ is phenyl and D or D¹ is phenyl; A or A¹ is thien-2-yl and D or D¹ is phenyl; and A or A¹ is phenyl and D or D¹ is naphth-1-yl.

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The optional substituents for A¹ and D¹ are any of those defined for A and D above.

A preferred sub-group of compounds of Formula (1) are those of Formula (3):

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Formula (3)

wherein:

R¹ and R² each independently is -H or optionally substituted C₁₋₆-alkyl or optionally substituted aryl;

R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ each independently is -H, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -SO₂F or

C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₁₋₆-alkoxy, C₁₋₄ alkanoylamino, -NHSO₂alkyl or Ophenyl each of which may be optionally substituted;

R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ each independently is -H, C₁₋₆-alkyl, -NO₂, -COOC₁₋₆-alkyl, -OCOalkyl,

-Cl, -F, -Br, -I, -COC₁₋₆-alkyl, -CN, formyl, protected

formyl or -SO₂F provided that at least one of R¹ to R⁹ is -SO₂F or carries a substituent to which at least one -SO₂F group is attached and provided that R⁷ and R⁹ are not both

-SO₂F.

Where R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ is or contains alkyl the alkyl may be optionally substituted.

Protected formyl groups include for example oxazolidone, imidazoline, thiazolidine, bisulphite, cyanohydrin, hydrazone and oxime.

The compounds of Formula (3) are novel and accordingly are a further aspect of the present invention.

The optional substituents for groups represented by R¹ to R⁹ may be selected from any of the substituents described above for A and D. The optional substituents for R¹ to R⁹ are preferably -CN, -OH, -OCOC₁₋₆-alkyl, -COOC₁₋₆-alkyl, phenyl, -OCOPhenyl, -OCOPhenylSO₂F, phenylSO₂F, -OphenylSO₂F, -CO₂phenylSO₂F, -COOC₁₋₆-alkylOCOC₁₋₆-alkyl and -COOC₁₋₆-alkylCOOC₁₋₆-alkyl.

Preferred compounds of Formula (3) are those in which R¹ and R² each independently is -CH₃, -C₂H₅, -C₂H₄CN, -C₂H₄OH, -CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃, -C₄H₉, -CH₂(4-fluorosulphonylphenyl), -C₂H₄(4-fluorosulphonylphenyl), -C₃H₇(4-fluorosulphonylphenyl), R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ each independently is -H, -Cl, -CH₃, -OCH₃, -NHCOCH₃, -NHCOC₂H₅, -NHSO₂CH₃ or -SO₂F and R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ each independently is -H, -NO₂, -CN, -COCH₃, -COOC₂H₅, -SO₂F or -CH₃ provided that both R⁷ and R⁹ are not -SO₂F.

Especially preferred compounds of Formula (3) are those in which

R¹ and R² each independently is -C₂H₄CN, -C₂H₅ or (4-fluorosulphonylphenyl)C₁₋₆-alkyl;

R³ is -H, -OCH₃, -CH₃ or -SO₂F;

R⁴ and R⁵ each independently is -H, -Cl or -SO₂F;

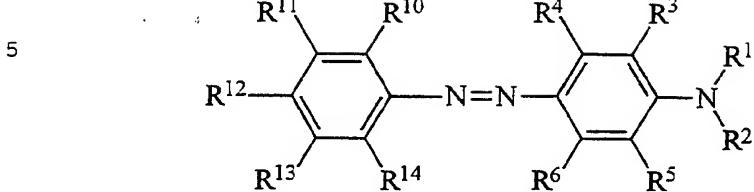
R⁶ is -H, -NHCOCH₃, -NHCOC₂H₅, -CH₃ or -SO₂F;

R⁷ is -NO₂, -COCH₃, -COOC₂H₅ or -SO₂F;

R⁸ is -H, -SO₂F or -Cl;

R⁹ is -NO₂, -SO₂F or -CHO.

A further preferred sub-group of compounds of Formula (1) are those of Formula (4):



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Formula (4)

wherein:

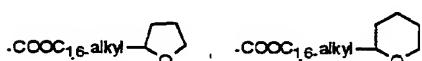
15 R^1 to R^6 are as hereinbefore defined;
 R^{10} to R^{14} each independently is -H, alkoxy, alkyl, $-NO_2$, $-SO_2F$, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I or -CN;
provided that when R^{10} is SO_2F , R^{12} is not $-NO_2$ and R^{11} , R^{13} and R^{14} are not all -H.

20 Where a group represented by R^{10} to R^{14} is alkyl it is preferably C_{1-10} -alkyl, more preferably C_{1-6} -alkyl. Where a group represented by R^{10} to R^{14} is alkoxy it is preferably C_{1-10} -alkoxy more preferably C_{1-6} -alkoxy.

25 Compounds of Formula (4) are preferably those in which R^1 and R^2 each independently is -CH₃, -C₂H₅, -C₃H₇, -C₄H₉, -C₅H₁₁, -C₆H₁₃, -CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃, -CH₂phenyl, -C₂H₄phenyl, -C₃H₆phenyl, -C₂H₄CN, -C₂H₄OH, -C₂H₄OCH₃, -C₂H₄COOCH₃, -C₄H₉COCH₃, -C₂H₄COCH₃, -C₂H₄OCOCH₃, -C₃H₆OCOCH₃, -C₄H₉OCOCH₃, -C₂H₄OCOPhenyl, -C₂H₄OCOPhenyl(SO₂F), -C₂H₄COOC₂H₄OCH₃, -C₂H₄OC₂H₄COOC₂H₄OCH₃, allyl, -C₂H₄Ophenyl, -C₂H₄O(fluorosulphonylphenyl), -CH₂CH(CN)(OC₂H₄), C_{1-6} -alkylphenylSO₂F,

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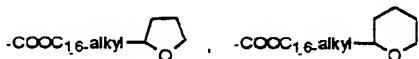


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R^3 is -H, -OCH₃ or -Cl;
 R^4 is -H, -CH₃, -NHCOCH₃, -NHCOC₂H₅, -NHCOCH(CH₃)₂, -NHCOC₃H₆Cl, -NHCOC(CH₃)₃, -OCH₃, -OC₄H₉, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I or -NHSO₂C₁₋₆-alkyl;
 R^5 is -H, -OCH₃, -OC₂H₅ or -Cl;
 R^6 is -H, -CH₃, -OCH₃, -F, -Cl, Br, -I or -NHSO₂C₁₋₆-alkyl;
 R^{10} is -H, -OCH₃, -NO₂, -Cl, -Br or -CN;

R¹¹ is -H;
R¹² is -SO₂F or -NO₂;
R¹³ is -H, -OCH₃, -SO₂F, -Cl, -Br or -NO₂; and
R¹⁴ is -H, -OCH₃, -Cl, -Br or -CN, provided that at least one of
5 R³ or R⁵ is -H and that at least one of R⁴ or R⁶ is -H.
More preferably compounds of Formula (4) are those in which
R¹ and R² each independently is -C₂H₅, -C₄H₉, -CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃, -C₂H₄OOCCH₃,
-C₄H₈OOCCH₃, -C₂H₄OCPHENYL, -CH₂PHENYL, C₁₋₆-alkylphenylSO₂F, C₁₋₆-alkylOphenylSO₂F,

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15 -COOC₁₋₆-alkylocOCOC₁₋₆-alkyl or -COOC₁₋₆-alkylCOOC₁₋₆-alkyl

R⁴ is -H, -CH₃ or -NHCOCH₃;

R³, R⁵, R⁶ and R¹¹ is -H;

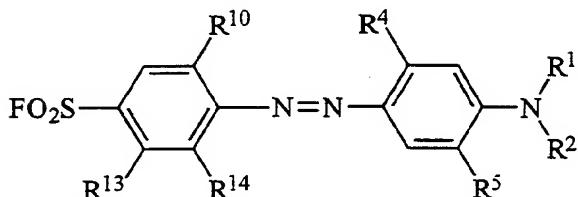
R¹⁰ and R¹³ each independently is -H, -Cl, -Br or -NO₂;

R¹² is -SO₂F; and

20 R¹⁴ is -H, -Cl or -Br.

An especially preferred compound of Formula (4) is that in which R¹ is -C₂H₅; R² is -C₂H₄OCPHENYL; R⁴ is -CH₃; R¹⁰ and R¹³ are both -Cl; R¹² is -SO₂F; and R³, R⁵, R⁶, R¹¹ and R¹⁴ are all -H.

25 An especially preferred sub-group of compounds of Formula (1) are those of Formula (7):



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Formula (7)

in which

40 R¹ and R² each independently is optionally substituted C₁₋₆-alkyl;

R⁴ is alkyl or a group of Formula R¹⁹-N-Y-X-W

in which Y is a direct link or C = O, X is a direct link, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, heterocyclic, alkylOalkyl, -NR²⁰-Z-, -COOZ or -O-Z in which Z is alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, heterocyclic, alkylOalkyl or a direct link and R²⁰

is -H, alkyl, aryl or alkylaryl, W is -CO₂R²¹, -OCOR²¹ or -OH in which R²¹ is alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, alkylOalkyl or alkylOH, and R¹⁹ is -H or alkyl;

R⁵ is -H, C₁₋₆-alkoxy or -O-phenyl;

R¹⁰ is -NO₂ or -Cl; and

5 R¹³ and R¹⁴ each independently is -H or -Cl.

The dyes of Formula (7) are novel and form a further feature of the present invention.

In the dyes of Formula (7)

10 R¹ and R² each independently is preferably C₁₋₆-alkyl or C₁₋₆-alkyl substituted by phenyl or -COOC₁₋₆-alkyl, and more preferably is ethyl, propyl, butyl, 1-methylpropyl, hexyl, benzyl, ethylphenyl or propylphenyl.

R⁴ is preferably a group of Formula R¹⁹-N-Y-X-W in which

R¹⁹ is preferably -H or C₁₋₆-alkyl more preferably -H; Y is preferably a direct link or C = O more preferably C = O;

X is preferably a direct link, C₁₋₈-alkyl, C₂₋₈-alkenyl, any of the carbocyclic or heterocyclic groups defined above for A, C₁₋₆-alkylocC₁₋₆-alkyl, -NR²⁰-Z-, -COOZ or -O-Z- in which R²⁰ is preferably -H, C₁₋₆-alkyl, phenyl or benzyl,

20 Z is preferably a direct link or C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₂₋₈-alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl or any of the heterocyclic groups defined above for A;

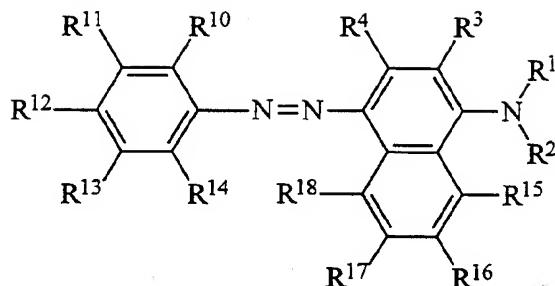
X is more preferably a direct link, CH₂, C₂H₄, CH₂C(CH₃)₂, cyclohexyl, CH = CH, phenyl, -NR²⁰-Z-, -COOZ or -O-Z- in which

25 R²⁰ is preferably -H, Z is preferably a direct link, C₁₋₆-alkyl or benzyl.

W is -CO₂R²¹, -OCOR²¹ or -OH in which R²¹ is C₁₋₆-alkyl, phenyl, chlorobenzyl, C₁₋₆-alkoxybenzyl, benzyl, C₁₋₆-alkylocC₁₋₆-alkyl or C₁₋₆-alkyloH more preferably ethyl, methyl, butyl, or 1,3-dimethylbutyl.

Dyes in which both A and D are phenyl and in which one of A and D carries a 4-SO₂F group are generally more stable and build up better on polyester textile material than do the corresponding 2-SO₂F dyes.

30 A further preferred sub-group of compounds of Formula (1) are those of Formula (5);



Formula (5)

15 wherein:

R¹ to R⁴ and R¹⁰ to R¹⁴ are as herein before defined; and
 R¹⁵ to R¹⁸ each independently is -H, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -SO₂F, -NO₂,
 -CN, -NR₁R₂, OH or optionally substituted -C₁₋₆-alkyl or
 -C₁₋₆-alkoxy.

20 The optional substituents for any of the groups represented by R¹⁵ to R¹⁸ may be selected from any of optional substituents described above for A, D, R¹ and R².

25 Compositions comprising dispersions of the compounds of Formula (1) in which A is an optionally substituted heterocyclic or carbocyclic group; and D is an optionally substituted carbocyclic group; and at least one of A or D carries directly at least one -SO₂F group or carried a substituent to which at least one -SO₂F group is attached in aqueous media are novel and form a further feature of the present invention. Compositions comprising dispersions of compounds of Formulae (2), (3), (4), (5) and (7) are also novel. The compositions typically comprise from 1% to 30% of a compound of Formulae (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) in an aqueous medium. The compositions are preferably buffered at pH 2 to 7 more preferably at pH 4 to 6.

30 These dispersions may further comprise ingredients conventionally used in dyeing applications such as dispersing agents for example lignosulphonates, naphthalene sulphonic acid/formaldehyde condensates or phenol/cresol/sulphanilic acid/formaldehyde condensates, surfactants, wetting agents such as alkyl aryl ethoxylates which may be sulphonated or phosphated, inorganic salts, de-foamers such as mineral oil or nonanol, organic liquids and buffers. Dispersing agents may be present at from 10% to 200% on the weight of the compound of Formulae (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (7). Wetting agents may be used at from 0% to 20% on the weight of the compound (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (7). The dispersions may be prepared by bead milling the compound of Formula (1),

(2), (3), (4), (5) or (7) with glass beads or sand in an aqueous medium.

According to a further feature of the present invention there is provided a process for the mass coloration of plastics which comprises incorporating into a plastics material a compound or mixture thereof which is free from water solubilising groups, of Formula (1) wherein A and D each independently is an optionally substituted heterocyclic or carbocyclic group and at least one of A or D carries directly at least one $-SO_2F$ group or carries a substituent to which at least one $-SO_2F$ group is attached.

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The plastics may be selected from polystyrene, acrylics, styrene/acrylonitrile mixtures, acrylonitrile/butadiene/styrene mixtures, polycarbonate, polyether-sulphone, nylons, rigid PVC (uPVC) and polypropylene.

The compound may be incorporated by blending with granules or powdered plastics material by, for example, dry tumbling or high-speed mixing followed by injection moulding on a screw machine or by conventional compounding/masterbatching techniques. The present dyes generally dissolve or disperse readily in hot plastics melt and provide bright coloration generally with good clarity and good light fastness.

The plastics materials when coloured with the above dyes form a further feature of the present invention.

The compounds of Formula (1) may be obtained by usual methods for the preparation of azo compounds such as by diazotisation of an amine of Formula A-NH₂ or A¹-NH₂ and coupling onto a component D-X or D¹-X in which A, A¹, D and D¹ are as hereinbefore defined and X is a group displaceable by a diazotised amine. Typically the amine, A-NH₂ or A¹-NH₂, may be diazotised in an acidic medium, such as acetic, propionic or hydrochloric acid using a nitrosating agent such as nitrosylsulphuric acid, sodium nitrite or methylnitrite at a temperature from -10°C to 10°C. Coupling onto the component D-X or D¹-X may be achieved by adding the diazotised amine to a mixture of D-X or D¹-X in an alkanol such as methanol at a temperature from 0°C to 10°C. After coupling the compound of Formula (1) may be recovered from the reaction mixture by any convenient means such as by filtration.

Fluorosulphonyl groups may be introduced into the compounds of Formula (1) or Formula (2) or into the A, A¹, D and D¹ components prior to coupling by methods generally available in the literature. For example reaction of the compound of Formula (1) or Formula (2), A-NH₂, A¹-NH₂, the NH₂ being protected as necessary, D-X or D¹-X, in which A, A¹, D and D¹ are as hereinbefore defined, with chlorosulphonic acid optionally in the presence of dimethylformamide and thionylchloride at a temperature of from 30°C to 140°C gives the chlorosulphonyl derivative. The chlorosulphonyl derivative may be reacted in boiling aqueous media with potassium fluoride to give the fluorosulphonyl derivative.

Alternatively the compound of Formula (1) or Formula (2), A-NH₂, A¹-NH₂, D-X or D¹-X may be sulphonated with sulphuric acid or oleum to give the sulphonic acid derivative which may be converted to the chlorosulphonyl derivative by reaction, either of the free acid or an inorganic salt thereof, with thionylchloride optionally in the presence of a chlorophosphorus compound such as phosphorus oxychloride or phosphorus pentachloride in an organic liquid such as an aromatic hydrocarbon at a temperature of from 20°C to 110°C. Similarly a sulphonate ester may be converted to the corresponding chlorosulphonyl derivative. The chlorosulphonyl derivative may then be converted to the fluorosulphonyl derivative as described above.

The compounds of Formulae (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (7) are useful for the coloration of synthetic textile materials particularly polyester textile materials and fibre blends thereof to which they impart colours which have excellent wet and light fastness properties.

The compounds of Formula (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (7) are also useful for the mass coloration of plastics as described above and impart bright colours generally with good clarity and light fastness.

The invention is further illustrated by the following Examples.

Example 1

Preparation of 4-(2,5-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-methyl-N-ethyl-N-(2-benzoyloxyethyl)aniline

i) Preparation of 2,5-dichloro-4-chlorosulphonylaniline
2,5-Dichloroaniline (32.4 parts) was added portionwise to chlorosulphonic acid (93 parts) at 35°C. The mixture was stirred at 120°C for 3 hrs and then cooled to 70°C. Dimethyl formamide (1.6 parts) and thionyl chloride (15 parts) were added, maintaining the temperature at 65-70°C and the mixture stirred at 70°C for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and poured with caution onto stirred ice (1000 parts) producing a cream precipitate. The product was isolated by filtration, washed acid-free with ice/water and dried under vacuum to yield; 2,5-dichloro-4-chlorosulphonylaniline (44.2 parts).

ii) Preparation of 2,5-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylaniline

A mixture of 2,5-dichloro-4-chlorosulphonylaniline (44.2

parts), potassium fluoride (38 parts) and water (100 parts) was stirred under reflux for 5 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and drowned into water (300 parts). The cream precipitate was isolated by filtration, washed with water and dried under vacuum to yield: 2,5-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylaniline (37.2 parts).

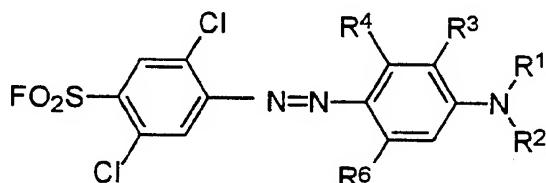
5 iii) Preparation of 3-methyl-N-ethyl-N-(2-benzoyloxyethyl)aniline

Benzoylchloride (3.3g) was added to a mixture of N-ethyl-N-hydroxyethyl-3-methylaniline (2.1g) in acetone (25cm³) and pyridine (1cm³) and stirred at reflux for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was cooled and used directly in iv) below.

10 iv) Preparation of 4-(2,5-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-methyl-N-ethyl-N-(2-benzoyloxyethyl)aniline

Nitrosyl sulphuric acid (3cm³ of 40%) was added to a mixture of 2,5-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylaniline (2g) in acetic/propionic acid (86:14, 25cm³) at 0°C to 5°C. The mixture was stirred at 0°C to 5°C for 2 hours before adding the reaction mixture from iii) above in methanol (100cm³) at 0°C to 5°C. The precipitated solid was collected by filtration, washed with water, slurried with methanol, collected by filtration and washed with methanol to give 4-(2,5-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-methyl-N-ethyl-N-(2-benzoyloxyethyl)aniline (2.1g) when applied to polyester materials from aqueous dispersion gives bluish-red shades with excellent wet and light fastness properties.

20 The following examples of dyes of Formula:



were prepared by the procedure of Example 1:

	Ex	R ¹	R ²	R ⁴	R ³	R ⁶	λ_{max} /nm
5	2	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ OH	-NHCOCH ₃	-H	-H	522
	3	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ OCOCH ₃	-NHCOCH ₃	-H	-H	518
	4	-CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	-CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	-NHCOCH ₃	-H	-H	520
	5	-C ₄ H ₈ OCOCH ₃	-C ₄ H ₈ OCOCH ₃	-NHCOCH ₃	-H	-H	535
10	6	-C ₂ H ₄ OCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₄ OCOCH ₃	-NHCOCH ₃	-H	-H	504
	7	-C ₂ H ₄ COOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₄ COOCH ₃	-NHCOCH ₃	-H	-H	509
	8	-C ₄ H ₉	-C ₂ H ₄ COOCH ₃	-NHCOCH ₃	-H	-H	528
	9	-C ₄ H ₉	-C ₂ H ₄ COOC ₂ H ₄ OCH ₃	-NHCOCH ₃	-H	-H	530
	10	-C ₂ H ₄ COOCH ₃	-C ₄ H ₈ OCOCH ₃	-NHCOCH ₃	-H	-H	526
15	11	-C ₂ H ₄ OH	-C ₂ H ₄ OH	-CH ₃	-H	-H	508
	12	-C ₂ H ₄ OCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₄ OCOCH ₃	-H	-OCH ₃	-H	518
	13	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-H	-H	-OCH ₃	-CH ₃	504
	14	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-H	-CH ₃	-H	-H	464
	15	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-H	-H	-Cl	-H	440
20	16	-C ₂ H ₄ OCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₄ OCOCH ₃	-Cl	-H	-H	470
	17	-C ₄ H ₈ OCOCH ₃	-C ₄ H ₈ OCOCH ₃	-CH ₃	-H	-CH ₃	512
	18	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-CH ₃	-H	-CH ₃	465
	19	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-C ₂ H ₄ COOCH ₃	-H	-H	-H	460
	20	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₄ H ₈ OCOCH ₃	-CH ₃	-H	-H	530
25	21	-C ₄ H ₈ OCOCH ₃	-C ₄ H ₈ OCOCH ₃	-CH ₃	-H	-H	502
	22	-C ₂ H ₄ OCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₄ OCOC ₂ H ₅	-H	-OCH ₃	-NHCOCH ₃	548
	23	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ OH	-CH ₃	-H	-H	520
	24	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₄ H ₈ OH	-CH ₃	-H	-H	530

	Ex	R ¹	R ²	R ⁴	R ³	R ⁶	λ_{max}/nm
5	25	-C ₂ H ₅	-CH ₂ CH(OH)C ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	-H	-H	532
	26	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-H	-OCH ₃	-CH ₃	548
	27	-C ₂ H ₅	-CH ₂ C(OH)(OC ₂ H ₅)	-CH ₃	-H	-H	525
	28	-C ₂ H ₅	-CH ₂ C(OH)(CN)	-CH ₃	-H	-H	523
	29	-C ₅ H ₁₁	-C ₂ H ₄ OH	-CH ₃	-H	-H	529
	30	-C ₂ H ₄ OCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₄ OCH ₃	-CH ₃	-H	-H	520
	31	-C ₄ H ₉	-C ₂ H ₄ OH	-CH ₃	-H	-H	528
10	32	-C ₆ H ₁₃	-C ₂ H ₄ OH	-CH ₃	-H	-H	531
	33	-C ₂ H ₄ Ophenyl	-C ₂ H ₄ OH	-CH ₃	-H	-H	520
	34	-CH ₂ C(CN)(OC ₂ H ₅)	-CH ₂ C(CN)(OC ₂ H ₅)	-CH ₃	-H	-H	517
	35	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ OC ₂ H ₄ COOC ₂ H ₄ OCH ₃	-CH ₃	-H	-H	525
	36	-CH ₃	-CH ₃	-H	-H	-H	515
	37	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-H	-H	-H	520
	38	-C ₃ H ₇	-C ₃ H ₇	-H	-H	-H	522
15	39	-C ₄ H ₉	-C ₄ H ₉	-H	-H	-H	527
	40	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-NHCOCH ₃	-H	-H	536
	41	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ OCOPhenyl	-CH ₃	-H	-H	514
	42	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ COOC ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	-H	-H	514
	43	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ COOC ₂ H ₄ OCH ₃	-CH ₃	-H	-H	513
	44	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ COOC ₂ H ₄ OC ₄ H ₉	-CH ₃	-H	-H	513
	45	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ COOCH ₂ tetrahydrofuran-2-yl	-CH ₃	-H	-H	512
20	46	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ COOC ₂ H ₄ Ophenyl	-CH ₃	-H	-H	512
	47	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ COOCH ₂ COOC ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	-H	-H	511

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	Ex	R ¹	R ²	R ⁴	R ³	R ⁶	$\lambda_{max/nm}$
5	48	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ COOC ₂ H ₄ OC ₂ H ₄ OCH ₃	-CH ₃	-H	-H	513
	49	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ COOC ₂ H ₄ OC ₂ H ₄ OC ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	-H	-H	513
	50	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ COOC ₂ H ₄ OC ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	-H	-H	512
	51	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ COOCH(CH ₃) ₂	-CH ₃	-H	-H	513
	52	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ COOC ₂ H ₄ OH	-CH ₃	-H	-H	514
	53	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ COOCH ₂ tetrahydropyran-2-yl	-CH ₃	-H	-H	512
	54	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ COOCH ₂ phenyl	-CH ₃	-H	-H	513
	55	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ COOC ₃ H ₆ COOC ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	-H	-H	514
	56	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ COOCH(C ₂ H ₅)COOC ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	-H	-H	514
	57	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ COOC ₄ H ₈ OH	-CH ₃	-H	-H	514
10	58	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ COOC ₄ H ₈ OCOCH ₃	-CH ₃	-H	-H	513
	59	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ COOCH ₂ COOCH ₃	-CH ₃	-H	-H	511
	60	-C ₂ H ₄ OH	-C ₂ H ₄ COOCH ₂ tetrahydrofuran-2-yl	-CH ₃	-H	-H	511
	61	-C ₂ H ₄ OH	-C ₂ H ₄ COOCH ₂ COOC ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	-H	-H	510
	62	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ COOCH ₂ CN	-CH ₃	-H	-H	512
	63	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ COOC ₂ H ₄ CN	-CH ₃	-H	-H	514
	64	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ COOCH ₂ COCH ₃	-CH ₃	-H	-H	513
	65	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ OCCOC(CH ₃) ₃	-CH ₃	-H	-H	511
	66	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ OCO(CH ₂) ₃ CH ₃	-CH ₃	-H	-H	510
	67	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ OCOCH(CH ₃) ₂	-CH ₃	-H	-H	510
15	68	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ OCO(CH ₂) ₃ Cl	-CH ₃	-H	-H	507
	69	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ OCO(4-NO ₂ phenyl)	-CH ₃	-H	-H	503
	70	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ OCO(4-CH ₃ phenyl)	-CH ₃	-H	-H	511
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	Ex	R ¹	R ²	R ⁴	R ³	R ⁶	λ_{max}/nm
5	71	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ OCO(3-CH ₃ phenyl)	-CH ₃	-H	-H	511
	72	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ O(4-OCH ₃ phenyl)	-CH ₃	-H	-H	512
	73	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ O(2-OCH ₃ phenyl)	-CH ₃	-H	-H	509
	74	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ OC ₂ H ₄ COOC ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	-H	-H	521
	75	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ OC ₂ H ₄ COOCH ₃	-CH ₃	-H	-H	521
	76	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ OC ₂ H ₄ COOCH ₂ COOC ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	-H	-H	521
10	77	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ OCOC ₂ H ₄ COOC ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	-H	-H	511
	78	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ OCOCH ₂ Ophenyl	-CH ₃	-H	-H	515
	79	-C ₂ H ₄ OH	-C ₂ H ₄ OCOphenyl	-CH ₃	-H	-H	517
	80	-C ₂ H ₄ COOC ₃ H ₇	-C ₂ H ₄ COOC ₃ H ₇	-NHCOCH ₃	-H	-H	498
	81	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₃ H ₆ COOC ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	-H	-H	523
	82	-cyclohexyl	-CH ₂ phenyl	-H	-H	-H	509
15	83	-C ₄ H ₉	-CH(CH ₃) ₂	-NHCOCH ₃	-H	-H	539
	84	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₄ H ₉	-NHCOCH ₃	-H	-H	539
	85	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ OC ₂ H ₄ COOC ₂ H ₄ OCH ₃	-CH ₃	-H	-H	525
	86	-C ₂ H ₄ OH	-C ₂ H ₄ Ophenyl	-CH ₃	-H	-H	520

Example 87

Preparation of 4-(2,6-dibromo-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-acetamido-N,N-diethylaniline

i) Preparation of 2,6-dibromo-4-fluorosulphonylaniline

To a solution of 4-aminobenzenesulphonyl fluoride (10 parts) in acetic acid (100 parts), stirring at 0-5°C, was added gradually a solution of bromine (18 parts) in acetic acid (50 parts); keeping the temperature below 5°C. The temperature was allowed to warm to ambient and the mixture was stirred at this temperature for a further 1hr. The reaction mass was drowned into water (500 parts), the product was isolated by filtration, washed with cold water and dried at 50°C to yield; 2,6-dibromo-4-fluorosulphonylaniline (17.5 parts).

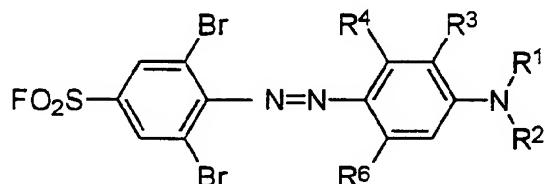
ii) Preparation of 4-(2,6-dibromo-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-acetamido-N,N-diethylaniline

A mixture of 2,6-dibromo-4-fluorosulphonylaniline (2.7 parts) and acetic/propionic acid mixture (15 parts, 86/14 vol/vol) was stirred and heated until a complete solution was formed. The solution was set stirring at 0-5°C, and nitrosyl sulphuric acid soln (5 parts) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred at this temperature for a further 30min.

The diazo solution was added slowly to a mixture of 3-N,N-diethylaminoacetanilide (1.7 parts), methanol (50 parts) and sulphamic acid (0.5 parts); stirring at 0-5°C. After stirring for 1hr at this temperature, water (50 parts) was added and the mixture was stirred a further 30min at ambient temperature. The product was isolated by filtration, washed with water and methanol and then dried at 50°C to yield; 4-(2,6-dibromo-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-acetamido-N,N-diethylaniline (1.8 parts) λ_{max} =480nm.

When applied to polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion, the dye gives dull orange shades with excellent light fastness and excellent fastness to wet treatments.

The following examples of dyes of Formula:



were prepared by the procedure of Example 87:

Ex	R ¹	R ²	R ⁴	R ³	R ⁵	λ_{max} /nm
88	-C ₂ H ₄ OH	-C ₂ H ₄ OC ₂ H ₅	-H	-H	-H	434
89	-C ₂ H ₄ OCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₄ OCH ₃	-CH ₃	-H	-H	447
90	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-CH ₃	-H	-H	418
91	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-CH ₃	-H	-H	435
92	-H	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-H	-H	-H	399
93	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-H	-H	-H	421
94	-C ₂ H ₄ OH	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-H	-H	-H	420
95	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-H	-H	-H	406
96	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-H	-H	-H	438
97	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	-H	-H	453
98	-C ₂ H ₄ OH	-C ₂ H ₄ OH	-CH ₃	-H	-H	454
99	-C ₄ H ₉	-C ₄ H ₉	-H	-H	-H	442
100	-C ₂ H ₅	-CH ₂ phenyl	-H	-H	-H	431
101	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-NHCOCH ₃	-H	-H	486
102	-C ₄ H ₉	-C ₄ H ₉	-NHCOCH ₃	-H	-H	486
103	-C ₄ H ₉ OCOCH ₃	-C ₄ H ₉ OCOCH ₃	-NHCOCH ₃	-H	-H	479

Example 104Preparation of 4-(2,6-dicyano-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-acetamido-N,N-diethylaniline

A mixture of 4-(2,6-dibromo-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-acetamido-N,N-diethylaniline (Example 101) (1.5 parts), cuprous cyanide (0.54 parts) and dimethylformamide (20 parts) was stirred at ambient temperature for 3hr. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (40 parts), stirred for 30min and the product was isolated by filtration to yield; 4-(2,6-dicyano-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-acetamido-N,N-diethylaniline (0.8 parts) $\lambda_{max}=611nm$.

When applied to polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion, the dye gives bright blue shades with excellent light fastness and excellent fastness to wet treatments.

Example 105Preparation of 4-(2,6-dicyano-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-acetamido-N,N-di-n-butyl aniline

The dye in Example 102 (3.0g) was stirred in DMF (30cm³) and CuCN (1.0g) at 90°C for 2 hours. The reaction mix was drowned onto ice and the precipitate collected, washed with water and dried under suction. The filter cake was dissolved in dichloromethane, filtered and the filtrate evaporated to give a blue dye (λ_{max} 611nm).

Example 106Preparation of 4-(2,6-dicyano-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-acetamido-N,N-diacetoxybutylamino aniline

The dye in Example 103 (3.0g) was stirred in DMF (30cm³) and CuCN (1.0g) at 90°C for 2 hours. The reaction mix was drowned onto ice and the precipitate collected, washed with water and dried under suction. The filter cake was dissolved in dichloromethane, filtered and the filtrate evaporated to give a blue dye (λ_{max} 608nm).

Example 107Preparation of 4-(2,6-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-N,N-di-n-butylanilinei) Preparation of 2,6-dichloro-4-chlorosulphonylaniline

The procedure of Example 1ii) was repeated except that in place of the 32.4 parts of 2,5-dichloraniline, 32.4 parts of 2,6-dichloroaniline were used, to yield 2,6-dichloro-4-chlorosulphonylaniline (42.6 parts).

ii) Preparation of 2,6-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylaniline

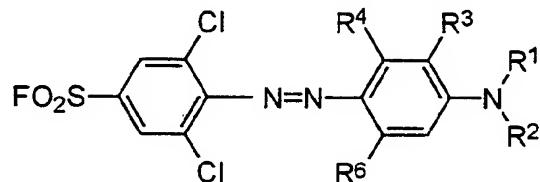
The procedure of Example 1ii) was repeated except that in place of the 44.2 parts of 2,5-dichloro-4-chlorosulphonylaniline, 42.6 parts of 2,6-dichloro-4-chlorosulphonylaniline were used, to yield 2,6-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylaniline (36.0 parts).

iii) Preparation of 4-(2,6-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-N,N-di-n-butylaniline

A mixture of 2,6-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylaniline (2.0

parts) and acetic/propionic acid mixture (15 parts, 86/14 vol/vol) was stirred and heated until a complete solution was formed. The solution was set stirring at 0-5°C and nitrosyl sulphuric acid solution (5 parts) was added slowly. The mixture was stirred at this temperature for a further 30min. The cooled diazo solution was added slowly to a mixture of N,N-di-n-butylaniline (1.7 parts), methanol (40 parts) and sulphamic acid (0.5 parts); stirring at 0-5°C. After stirring for 3hr at this temperature, water (50 parts) was added and the mixture stirred for a further 2hr at ambient. The product was isolated by filtration, washed with water and methanol and dried to yield; 4-(2,6-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-N,N-di-n-butylaniline (3.0 parts) λ_{max} =443nm. When applied to polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion, the dye gives dull yellow brown shades with excellent fastness to light and wet treatments.

The following examples of dyes of Formula:



were prepared by the procedure of Example 107:

Example	R ¹	R ²	R ⁴	R ³	R ⁶	λ_{max} /nm
108	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-H	-H	-H	439
109	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	-H	-H	455
110	-C ₂ H ₅	-CH ₂ phenyl	-H	-H	-H	431

Example 111

Preparation of 4-(2-bromo-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-acetamido-N,N-diethylaniline

The procedure of Example 87ii) was repeated except that in place of the 2.7 parts of 2,6-dibromo-4-fluorosulphonylaniline; 2.0 parts of 2-bromo-4-fluorosulphonylaniline were used. The product, 4-(2-bromo-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-acetamido-N,N-diethylaniline (1.6 parts) λ_{max} =524nm, when applied to polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion gives bright mid red shades with excellent fastness to light and wet treatments.

Example 112Preparation of 4-(2,5-dimethoxy-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-acetamido-N,N-diethylaniline

5 The procedure of Example 87ii) was repeated except that in place of the 2.7 parts of 2,6-dibromo-4-fluorosulphonylaniline; 1.9 parts of 2,5-dimethoxy-4-fluorosulphonylaniline were used. The product, 10 4-(2,5-dimethoxy-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-acetamido-N,N-diethylaniline (1.4 parts) $\lambda_{max}=545nm$, when applied to polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion gives bluish red shades with excellent fastness to light and wet treatments.

Example 113Preparation of 4-(2-nitro-5-chloro-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-acetamido-N,N-diethylaniline

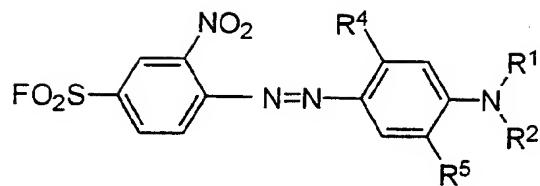
15 The procedure of Example 87ii) was repeated except that in place of the 2.7 parts of 2,6-dibromo-4-fluorosulphonylaniline; 2.0 parts of 2-nitro-5-chloro-4-fluorosulphonylaniline were used. The product, 20 4-(2-nitro-5-chloro-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-acetamido-N,N-diethylaniline (2.6 parts) $\lambda_{max}=550nm$, when applied to polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion gives bluish red shades with excellent fastness to light and wet treatments.

Example 114i) Preparation of 2-nitro-4-fluorosulphonylaniline

25 N-acetyl sulphaniyl chloride (100g) was dissolved in concentrated sulphuric acid (515 cm³), cooled to 4°C and a mixture of concentrated nitric acid (38.6 cm³) and concentrated sulphuric acid (42.9 cm³) added dropwise maintaining the temperature at 4-6°C. After 1 hour the reaction mix was drowned onto ice and the precipitate collected, 30 extracted into dichloromethane and evaporated to a yellow solid (92g). 31g of this yellow solid was refluxed for 3 hours in water (20 cm³), p-dioxane (20 cm³) and KF (19.4g) then drowned onto ice and the precipitate collected. This precipitate was refluxed in absolute ethanol (35 cm³) and concentrated hydrochloric acid (35 cm³) for 1 hour 35 then drowned onto ice, filtered and suction dried. Recrystallisation from ethanol yielded 8.7g of the required compound.

ii) 2-Nitro-4-fluorosulphonyl aniline (0.01 mol) was dispersed in a mixture of acetic:propionic acid (86:14; 25cm³), cooled to 0-5°C and nitrosyl sulphuric acid (0.01 mol) added portionwise at 0-5°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at 0-5°C then added dropwise to a mixture of the 3-(N,N-diethylamino) acetanilide (0.01mol), methanol (50cm³) and ice (50g). The resultant precipitate was filtered, washed with water and then methanol and oven dried at 50°C. The dry dye has a λ_{max} of 541nm and gives good fastness to washing, light and heat.

45 The following examples of dyes of Formula:



were prepared by the procedure of Example 114:

	Example	R ⁴	R ¹	R ²	R ⁵	λ_{\max} (nm)
10	115	-NHCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-H	541
	116	-NHCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-OCH ₃	590
	117	-NHCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₄ OOCCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₄ OOCCH ₃	-OCH ₃	564
15	118	-CH ₃	-C ₄ H ₉ OOCCH ₃	-C ₄ H ₉ OOCCH ₃	-H	530
	119	-NHCOCH ₃	-C ₄ H ₉	-CH(CH ₃)C ₂ H ₅	-H	546
	120	-NHCOCH ₃	-C ₄ H ₉	-C ₄ H ₉	-OCH ₃	591
	121	-NHCOCH ₃	-C ₅ H ₁₁	-C ₅ H ₁₁	-OCH ₃	593
20	122	-NHCOC ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-OCH ₃	592
	123	-NHCOC ₃ H ₇	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-OCH ₃	592
	124	-NHCOC(CH ₃) ₂	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-OCH ₃	591
	125	-NHCOC ₄ H ₉	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-OCH ₃	593
	126	-OC ₄ H ₉	-C ₄ H ₉	-C ₄ H ₉	-OCH ₃	575
	127	-HNCOCH ₃	-C ₃ H ₇	-C ₃ H ₇	-OCH ₃	594
25	128	-HNSO ₂ CH ₃	-C ₃ H ₇	-C ₃ H ₇	-OCH ₃	562
	129	-HNCOCH(C ₂ H ₅) ₂	-C ₃ H ₇	-C ₃ H ₇	-OCH ₃	591
	130	-HNCOCH ₃	-C ₃ H ₇	-CH(CH ₃) ₂	-OCH ₃	590
	131	-HNCOCH ₃	-CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ CH ₃	-H	-OCH ₃	565
	132	-HNCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₃ H ₇ (4-SO ₂ F phenyl)	-OCH ₃	585
30	133	-HNCOCH ₃	-C ₃ H ₇ (4-SO ₂ F phenyl)	-C ₃ H ₇ (4-SO ₂ F phenyl)	-OCH ₃	580
	134	-HNCOC(CH ₃) ₃	-C ₂ H ₅	-H	-OCH ₃	566
	135	-HNCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₄ COOC ₃ H ₇	-C ₂ H ₄ COOC ₃ H ₇	-H	524
	136	-HNCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₄ H ₈ COOC(CH ₃) ₃	-OCH ₃	591
	137	-HNCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ (phenyl)	-OCH ₃	588
35	138	-HNSO ₂ phenyl	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-OCH ₃	573

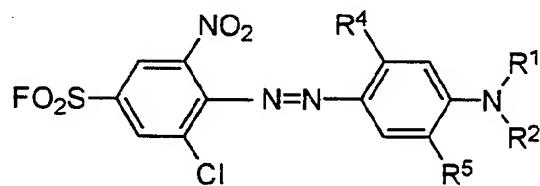
Example 139

i) Preparation of 2-nitro-4-fluorosulphonyl-6-chloroaniline.

2-Nitro-4-fluorosulphonylaniline (10g) was dispersed in 30% HCl (63.6g), cooled to 0-5°C and sodium chlorate (2g) dissolved in water (3.6g) added dropwise ensuring maintaining the temperature at 0-5°C. After 30 minutes reaction mixture drowned onto ice and precipitate collected, washed with water and suction dried to yield 8.5g of 2-Nitro-4-fluorosulphonyl-6-chloroaniline.

ii) 2-Nitro-4-fluorosulphonyl-6-chloroaniline (7.86mmol) was dispersed in a mixture of acetic:propionic acid (86:14; 25cm³), cooled to 0-5°C and nitrosyl sulphuric acid (7.86 mmol) added portionwise at 0-5°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at 0-5°C then added dropwise to a mixture of the 3-(N,N-diethylamino) acetanilide (7.86 mmol), methanol (50cm³) and ice (50g). The resultant precipitate was filtered washed with water and then methanol and oven dried at 50°C. The dry dye has a λ_{max} of 550nm and gives good fastness to washing, light and heat.

The following examples of dyes of Formula:



were prepared by the procedure of Example 139:

Example	R ⁴	R ¹	R ²	R ⁵	λ_{max} (nm)
5	140 -NHCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-H	550
	141 -NHCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-OCH ₃	606
	142 -CH ₃	-C ₄ H ₉ OCOCH ₃	-C ₄ H ₉ OCOCH ₃	-H	545
	143 -CH ₃	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ OCOCH ₃	-H	535
	144 -NHCOCH ₃	-C ₄ H ₉	-C ₄ H ₉	-OCH ₃	604
10	145 -HNCOCH ₃	-C ₃ H ₇	-C ₃ H ₇	-OCH ₃	610
	146 -HNCOC(CH ₃) ₃	-C ₂ H ₅ COOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₅ COOCH ₃	-OCH ₃	545
	147 -HNSO ₂ CH ₃	-C ₃ H ₇	-C ₃ H ₇	-OCH ₃	588
	148 -HNCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₃ H ₇	-CH ₃	565
	149 -HNCOCH ₃	-CH(CH ₃) ₂	-C ₃ H ₇	-OCH ₃	602
15	150 -HNCOCH(CH ₃) ₂	-C ₃ H ₇	-C ₃ H ₇	-OCH ₃	608
	151 -HNCOCH ₃	-C ₄ H ₉	-C ₂ H ₅ COOC ₂ H ₄ OCH ₃	-OCH ₃	603
	152 -HNCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	-OCH ₃	601.5
	153 -HNCOC(CH ₃) ₃	-H	-C ₂ H ₅ COOC ₃ H ₇	-OCH ₃	565
	154 -HNCOC(CH ₃) ₃	-C ₂ H ₄ COOC ₃ H ₇	-C ₂ H ₄ COOC ₃ H ₇	-OCH ₃	574
20	155 -HNCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ (phenyl)	-OCH ₃	607

Example 156Preparation of 4-(5-chloro-4-fluorosulphonyl-2-nitrophenylazo)-3-acetamido-6-methoxy-N,N-dibutylaniline

- 25 i) 2-Nitro-5-chloroacetanilide (10g) was added cautiously to chlorosulphonic acid (40cm³) then heated at 120°C for 2 hours. The reaction mix was cooled to 50°C and drowned onto ice. The precipitate was filtered, washed with a little water and suction dried. This solid was dispersed in water (20 cm³), p-dioxane (20 cm³) and KF (10g). After refluxing for 2 hours the reaction mix was drowned into water, the precipitate filtered and suction dried. This solid was refluxed in water (50 cm³) and 36% HCl (50 cm³) for 1 hour, drowned onto ice and the precipitate collected. Yield 3.5g.
- 30 ii) 2-Nitro-4-fluorosulphonyl-5-chloroaniline (7.86 mmol) was dispersed in a mixture of acetic:propionic acid (86:14; 25cm³), cooled to 0-5°C and nitrosyl sulphuric acid (7.86 mmol) added portionwise at 0-5°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at 0-5°C then added dropwise to a mixture of the 3-(N,N-dibutylamino)-4-methoxyacetanilide (7.86 mmol), methanol (50cm³) and ice (50g). The resultant precipitate was filtered washed with water and then methanol and oven dried at 50°C. The dry dye has a λ_{max} of 604nm and gives good

fastness to washing, light and heat.

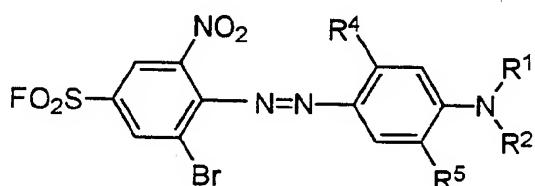
Example 157

Preparation of 4-(2-nitro-4-fluorosulphonyl-6-bromophenylazo)-3-acetamido-N,N-diethylaniline

i) 2-Nitro-4-fluorosulphonylaniline (5g) was dissolved in glacial acetic acid (50 cm³) and bromine (4.4g) added. Reaction mix warmed to 75°C for 2 hours then drowned onto ice, filtered, washed with water and suction dried. Yield 6.5g of yellow solid.

ii) 2-Nitro-4-fluorosulphonyl-6-bromoaniline (0.01 mol) was dispersed in a mixture of acetic:propionic acid (86:14; 25cm³), cooled to 0-5°C and nitrosyl sulphuric acid (0.01 mol) added portionwise at 0-5°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at 0-5°C then added dropwise to a mixture of the 3-(N,N-diethylamino) acetanilide (0.01 mol), methanol (50cm³) and ice (50g). The resultant precipitate was filtered washed with water and then methanol and oven dried at 50°C. The dry dye has a λ_{max} of 550nm and gives good fastness to washing, light and heat.

The following dyes of Formula:



were prepared by the procedure of Example 157:

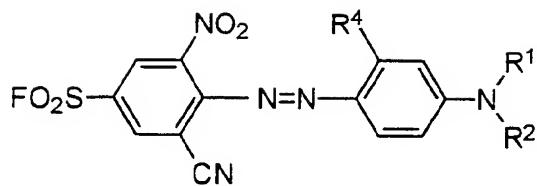
Example	R ⁴	R ¹	R ²	R ⁵	λ_{max}
158	-NHCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₄ OCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₄ OCOCH ₃	-H	530
159	-NHCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₅	-CH(CH ₃)C ₂ H ₅	-H	556
160	-NHCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-H	555

Example 162

Preparation of 4-(2-nitro-4-fluorosulphonyl-6-cyanophenylazo)-3-acetamido-N,N-diethylaniline

Dye Example 157 (2.0g) was stirred at 90°C with CuCN (0.42g) and DMF (20cm³) for 3 hours. The reaction mix was drowned onto ice (50g) and the precipitate collected, washed with water and suction dried. The filter cake was slurried in dichloromethane, filtered and the filtrate evaporated to give a solid dye (λ_{max} 603nm) which gives good fastness to heat, washing and light.

The following dyes of Formula:



were prepared by the procedure of Example 162:

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Example	R ⁴	R ¹	R ²	λ _{max} (nm)
163	-NHCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₄ OOCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₄ OOCOCH ₃	585
164	-NHCOCH ₃	-C ₄ H ₉	-CH(CH ₃)C ₂ H ₅	607
165	-NHCOCH ₃	-C ₄ H ₉	-C ₄ H ₉	606

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Example 166

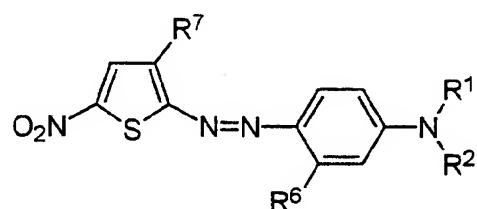
Preparation of 4-(3-carboethoxy-5-nitrothien-2-ylazo)-3-methyl-N-ethyl N-(3-fluorosulphonylbenzoyloxy)ethyl aniline

20 4-(3-carboethoxy-5-nitrothienyl-2-ylazo)-3-methyl-N-ethyl N-hydroxyethyl aniline (5mmol) was dissolved in chloroform (20cm³), potassium carbonate (0.7g) and 3-fluorosulphonylbenzoylchloride (1.2g) were added and the mixture refluxed for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate evaporated to leave the solid dye, λ_{max} = 588nm.

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The following examples of dyes of Formula:

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were prepared by the procedure of Example 166:

Example	R ¹	R ²	R ⁶	R ⁷	λ _{max} /nm
5	167	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₄ H ₉ OCO(3-SO ₂ Fphenyl)	-CH ₃	-COOC ₂ H ₅ 616
	168	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-C ₂ H ₄ OCO(3-SO ₂ Fphenyl)	-H	-NO ₂ 575
	169	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-C ₂ H ₄ OCO(3-SO ₂ Fphenyl)	-CH ₃	-NO ₂ 594
	170	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-C ₂ H ₄ OCO(3-SO ₂ Fphenyl)	-H	-COOC ₂ H ₅ 575
	171	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-C ₂ H ₄ OCO(3-SO ₂ Fphenyl)	-H	-COCH ₃ 563

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Example 172

Preparation of 4-(3-carboethoxy-5-nitrothien-2-ylazo)-3-methyl-N-ethyl-N-(4-fluorosulphonylphenyl)methyl aniline

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2-Amino-3-carboethoxy-5-nitrothiophene (0.01 mol) was dispersed in a mixture of acetic:propionic acid (86:14, 25cm³), cooled to 0-5°C and nitrosylsulphuric acid (0.01 mol) added portionwise at 0-5°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at 0-5°C then added dropwise to a mixture of the N-ethyl-N-(4-fluorosulphonylbenzyl)-3-toluidine (0.01 mol), methanol (50cm³) and ice (50g). The resultant precipitate was filtered washed with water and then methanol and oven dried at 50°C. The dry dye has a λ_{max} of 580nm and gives good fastness to washing, light and heat.

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The N-ethyl-N-(4-fluorosulphonylbenzyl)-3-toluidine was prepared as follows:

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N-Ethyl-3-toluidine (0.01mol), potassium carbonate (0.01mol), DMF (50cm³) and 4-fluorosulphonylbenzyl bromide (0.2mol) were stirred at 100°C for 24 hours. The reaction mix was filtered, drowned onto ice and extracted with dichloromethane to give an impure product (22g). No further purification was required.

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The 4-fluorosulphonylbenzylbromide was prepared as follows: Tosyl chloride (50g), bromine (43g) and carbon tetrachloride (500mls) were stirred at reflux while shining a UV lamp (365nm) onto the reaction. Once the solution became colourless the reaction was stopped and the solvent removed by evaporation. The resultant oil was refluxed in water (200mls) and potassium fluoride (47g) for three hours. After three hours the reaction mix was drowned onto ice (500g) and the precipitate collected, washed with water and dried in vacuo. Yield 34g of pale yellow crystals which by GLC is 54% required material, 17% starting material and 12% dibrominated species.

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Example 173Preparation of 4-(3-carboethoxy-5-nitrothien-2-ylazo)-N-ethyl-N-(4-fluorosulphonylphenyl) methylaniline

2-Amino-3-carboethoxy-5-nitrothiophene (0.01mol) was dispersed in a mixture of acetic:propionic acid (86:14; 25cm³), cooled to 0-5°C and nitrosyl sulphuric acid (0.01 mol) added portionwise at 0-5°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at 0-5°C then added dropwise to a mixture of the N-(4-fluorosulphonylbenzyl)-N-ethylaniline (0.01 mol), methanol (50cm³) and ice (50g). The resultant precipitate was filtered washed with water and then methanol and oven dried at 50°C. The dry dye has a λ_{max} of 560nm and gives good fastness to washing, light and heat.

The N-ethyl-N-(4-fluorosulphonylbenzyl)aniline was prepared as follows:

N-Ethylaniline (0.01mol), potassium carbonate (0.01mol), DMF (50cm³) and 4-fluorosulphonylbenzyl bromide (0.2mol) were stirred at 100°C for 24 hours. The reaction mix was filtered, drowned onto ice and extracted with dichloromethane to give an impure product (20g). No further purification was required.

Example 174Preparation of 4-(3-carboethoxy-5-nitrothien-2-ylazo)-N-ethyl-N-(4-fluorosulphonylphenyl) propylaniline

2-Amino-3-carboethoxy-5-nitrothiophene (0.01mol) was dispersed in a mixture of acetic:propionic acid (86:14; 25cm³), cooled to 0-5°C and nitrosyl sulphuric acid (0.01mol) added portionwise at 0-5°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at 0-5°C then added dropwise to a mixture of the N-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylpropyl)-N-ethylaniline (0.01mol), methanol (50cm³) and ice (50g). The resultant precipitate was filtered washed with water and then methanol and oven dried at 50°C. The dry dye has a λ_{max} of 593nm and gives good fastness to washing, light and heat.

The N-ethyl-N-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylpropyl)aniline was prepared as follows:

N-Ethylaniline (0.01mol), potassium carbonate (0.01mol), DMF (50cm³) and 4-fluorosulphonylphenylpropyl bromide (0.2mol) were stirred at 100°C for 24 hours. The reaction mix was filtered, drowned onto ice and extracted with dichloromethane to give an impure product (25g). No further purification was required.

The 4-fluorosulphonylphenylpropylbromide was prepared as follows:

Phenylpropyl bromide (19.9g) was dissolved in chloroform (500mls) and chlorosulphonic acid (116g) added dropwise. Stirred for 12 hours at 40C then drowned onto ice (10kg). The white precipitate was collected, redissolved in dichloromethane, washed with water, dried over magnesium sulphate and evaporated to a pale yellow oil that crystallised on standing. Yield 15g. This solid was dissolved in p-dioxane (50mls) and

KF (10g) and refluxed for three hours. After cooling to ambient the reaction mixture was drowned onto ice (400g), extracted with dichloromethane (3x200mls), dried over magnesium sulphate and evaporated to a brown oil. Yield 9g.

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Example 175Preparation of 4-(3-carboethoxy-5-nitrothien-2-ylazo)-N-(2-cyanoethyl)-N-(4-fluorosulphonylphenyl) ethylaniline

2-Amino-3-carboethoxy-5-nitrothiophene (0.01mol) was dispersed in a mixture of acetic:propionic acid (86:14; 25cm³), cooled to 0-5°C and nitrosyl sulphuric acid (0.01mol) added portionwise at 0-5°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at 0-5°C then added dropwise to a mixture of the N-(2-cyanoethyl)-N-(4-fluorosulphonyl phenylethyl)aniline (0.01mol), methanol (50cm³) and ice (50g). The resultant precipitate was filtered washed with water and then methanol and oven dried at 50°C. The dry dye has a λ_{max} of 547nm and gives good fastness to washing, light and heat.

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The N-(2-cyanoethyl)-N-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylethyl) aniline was prepared as follows:

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N-(2-cyanoethyl)aniline (0.01mol), potassium carbonate (0.01mol), DMF (50cm³) and 4-fluorosulphonylphenylethylbromide (0.01mol) were stirred at 100°C for 24 hours. The reaction mix was filtered, drowned onto ice and extracted with dichloromethane to give an impure product (25g). No further purification was required.

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The 4-fluorosulphonylphenylethylbromide was prepared as follows:

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Phenylethyl bromide (36.5g) was dissolved in chloroform (500mls) and chlorosulphonic acid (233g) added dropwise. Stirred for 12 hours at ambient then drowned onto ice (10kg). The white precipitate was collected, redissolved in dichloromethane, washed with water, dried over magnesium sulphate and evaporated to a pale yellow oil that crystallised on standing. Yield 40.8g. This solid was dissolved in p-dioxane (200mls) and KF (24.7g) and refluxed for three hours. After cooling to ambient the reaction mixture was drowned onto ice (700g), extracted with dichloromethane (3x200mls), dried over magnesium sulphate and evaporated to a brown oil. Yield 33.7g.

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Example 176Preparation of 4-(3,5-dinitrothien-2-ylazo)-N-ethyl-N-(4-fluorosulphonylphenyl) methyl aniline

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2-Amino-3,5-dinitrothiophene (0.01mol) was dispersed in a mixture of acetic:propionic acid (86:14; 25cm³), cooled to 0-5°C and nitrosyl sulphuric acid (0.01mol) added portionwise at 0-5°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at 0-5°C then added dropwise to a mixture of the N-ethyl-N-(4-fluorosulphonylbenzyl)aniline (0.01mol), methanol (50cm³) and ice (50g). The resultant precipitate

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was filtered washed with water and then methanol and oven dried at 50°C. The dry dye has a λ_{max} of 605nm and gives good fastness to washing, light and heat.

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Example 177Preparation of 4-(3,5-dinitrothien-2-ylazo)-N-ethyl-N-(4-fluorosulphonylphenyl) propyl aniline

2-Amino-3,5-dinitrothiophene (0.01mol) was dispersed in a mixture of acetic:propionic acid (86:14; 25cm³), cooled to 0-5°C and nitrosyl sulphuric acid (0.01 mol) added portionwise at 0-5°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at 0-5°C then added dropwise to a mixture of the N-ethyl-N-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylpropyl) aniline (0.01 mol), methanol (50cm³) and ice (50g). The resultant precipitate was filtered washed with water and then methanol and oven dried at 50°C. The dry dye has a λ_{max} of 617nm and gives good fastness to washing, light and heat.

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Example 178Preparation of 4-(3,5-dinitrothien-2-ylazo-N-(2-cyanoethyl)-N-(4-fluorosulphonylphenyl) ethyl aniline

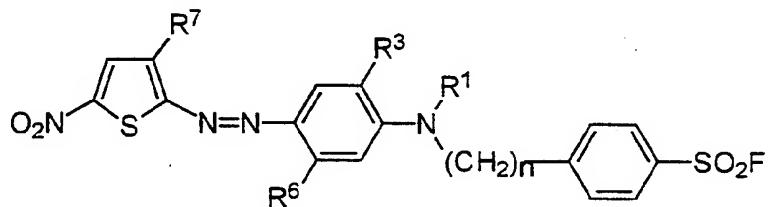
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2-Amino-3,5-dinitrothiophene (0.01mol) was dispersed in a mixture of acetic:propionic acid (86:14; 25cm³), cooled to 0-5°C and nitrosyl sulphuric acid (0.01 mol) added portionwise at 0-5°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at 0-5°C then added dropwise to a mixture of the N-(2-cyanoethyl), N-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylethyl) aniline (0.01mol), methanol (50cm³) and ice (50g). The resultant precipitate was filtered, washed with water and methanol and oven dried at 50°C. The dry dye has a λ_{max} of 580nm and gives good fastness to washing, light and heat.

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The following examples of dyes of Formula:

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were prepared using the procedure of Example 172, the fluorosulphonylphenylalkyl bromides were prepared as described in examples 172, 174 and 175 as appropriate.

EG	R ₇	R ₆	R ₃	R ₁	n	λ_{max} /nm	
5	179	-COOC ₂ H ₅	-H	-H	-C ₂ H ₅	3	593
	180	-COOC ₂ H ₅	-NHCOCH ₃	-H	-C ₂ H ₅	3	605.5
	181	-COOC ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	-H	-CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ CH ₃	3	614
	182	-COOC ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	-OCH ₃	-C ₄ H ₉	3	636
	183	-COOC ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	-OCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₅	3	631
10	184	-COOC ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	-OCH ₃	-CH(CH ₃) ₂	1	594
	185	-COOC ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	-OCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₅	2	621.5
	186	-COOC ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	-OCH ₃	-H	2	595
	187	-COOC ₂ H ₅	-NHCOCH ₃	-OCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₅	1	641
	188	-COOC ₂ H ₅	-H	-H	-C ₄ H ₉	3	585
15	189	-NO ₂	-H	-H	-C ₄ H ₉	3	637

Example 190Preparation of 4-(2,4-dinitrophenylazo)-3-acetamido-6-methoxy-N-secbutyl-N-(4-fluorosulphonylphenyl)methyl aniline

2,4-Dinitroaniline (0.01mol) was dispersed in a mixture of acetic:propionic acid (86:14; 25cm³), cooled to 0-5°C and nitrosyl sulphuric acid (0.01mol) added portionwise at 0-5°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at 0-5°C then added dropwise to a mixture of the 3-(N-(4-fluorosulphonylbenzyl)-N-sec butylamino)-4-methoxyacetanilide (0.01mol), methanol (50cm³) and ice (50g). The resultant precipitate was filtered washed with water and then methanol and oven dried at 50°C. The dry dye has a λ_{max} of 575nm and gives good fastness to washing, light and heat.

The 3-(N-(4-fluorosulphonylbenzyl)-N-sec-butylamino)-4-methoxyacetanilide was prepared as follows:

3-(N-sec-butyl)amino-4-methoxyacetanilide, potassium carbonate (0.01mol), DMF (50cm³) and 4-fluorosulphonylbenzyl bromide (0.2mol) were stirred at 100°C for 24 hours. The reaction mix was filtered, drowned onto ice and extracted with dichloromethane to give an impure product (22g). No further purification was required.

Example 191Preparation of 4-(2,4-dinitro-6-bromophenylazo)-3-acetamido-6-methoxy-N-secbutyl-N-(4-fluorosulphonylphenyl)methyl aniline

2,4-Dinitro-6-bromoaniline (0.01mol) was dispersed in a mixture of acetic:propionic acid (86:14; 25cm³), cooled to 0-5°C and

nitrosyl sulphuric acid (0.01mol) added portionwise at 0-5°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at 0-5°C then added dropwise to a mixture of the 3-(N-(4-fluorosulphonylbenzyl)-N-sec butylamino)-4-methoxyacetanilide (0.01mol), methanol (50cm³) and ice (50g). The 5 resultant precipitate was filtered washed with water and then methanol and oven dried at 50°C. The dry dye has a λ_{max} of 594nm and gives good fastness to washing, light and heat.

Example 192

Preparation of 4-(2,4-dinitro-6-cyanophenylazo)-3-acetamido-6-methoxy-N-secbutyl-N-(4-fluorosulphonylphenyl)methyl aniline

The dye from Example 191 (2.2mmol) was dissolved in DMF (30cm³) and CuCN (0.2g) and stirred at 60°C for 1 hour. The reaction mix was drowned onto ice and the precipitate filtered. The dried filter 15 cake was slurried in dichloromethane, filtered and the filtrate evaporated to a solid dye with λ_{max} of 642nm.

Example 193

Preparation of 4-(2,4-dinitro-6-chlorophenylazo)-3-methyl-6-methoxy-N-n-butyl-N-(4-fluorosulphonylphenyl)n-propyl aniline

The method of Example 191 was used except that 2,4-dinitro-6-chloroaniline (0.01 mol) was used in place of the 2,4-dinitro-6-bromoaniline and 3-(N-(4-fluorosulphonylphenyl)propyl-N-n-butyl-6-methoxy)toluidine(0.01 mol) was used in place of the 3-(N-(4-fluorosulphonylbenzyl)-N-secbutyl-4-methoxyacetanlide. The dye has a 25 λ_{max} of 586.5nm and gives good fastness to washing, light and heat.

Example 194

Preparation of 4-(2,4-dinitrophenylazo)-3-methyl-N-ethyl-N-(4-(3-fluorosulphonylbenzoyloxy)butyl)aniline

2,4-Dinitroaniline (0.01mol) was dispersed in a mixture of acetic: propionic acid (86:14; 25cm³), cooled to 0-5°C and nitrosyl sulphuric acid (0.01mol) added portionwise at 0-5°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at 0-5°C then added dropwise to a 35 mixture of the N-ethyl-N-hydroxybutyl-3-toluidine (0.01mol), methanol (50cm³) and ice (50g). The resultant precipitate was filtered washed with water and then methanol and oven dried at 50°C. The hydroxy dye (5 mmol) was dissolved in chloroform (20 cm³), potassium carbonate (0.7g) and m-(sulphonylfluoride) benzoyl chloride (1.2g) and refluxed for 2 hours. The reaction mix was filtered and the filtrate evaporated to 40 yield a solid violet dye which gives good fastness to washing, light and heat.

Example 195

Preparation of 4-(2,4-dinitro-6-bromophenylazo)-3-acetamido-N-n-propyl-N-(3-fluorosulphonylbenzoyloxy)ethyl aniline

2,4-Dinitro-6-bromoaniline (0.01mol) was dispersed in a

5 mixture of acetic:propionic acid (86:14; 25cm³), cooled to 0-5°C and nitrosyl sulphuric acid (0.01mol) added portionwise at 0-5°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at 0-5°C then added dropwise to a mixture of the 3-(N-propyl-N-hydroxyethyl) acetanilide (0.01mol), methanol (50cm³) and ice (50g). The resultant precipitate was filtered washed with water and then methanol and oven dried at 50°C. The hydroxy dye (5mmol) was dissolved in chloroform (20cm³), potassium carbonate (0.7g) and m-(sulphonylfluoride) benzoyl chloride (1.2g) and refluxed for 2 hours. The reaction mix was filtered and the filtrate evaporated to yield a solid dye (λ_{max} 552nm) which gives good fastness to washing, light and heat.

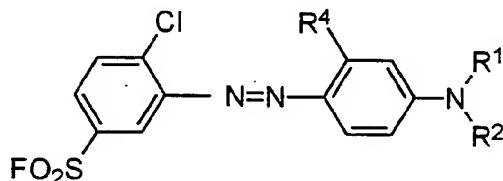
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Example 196Preparation of 4-(2-chloro-5-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-N-ethyl-N- benzyl aniline

15 3-Amino-4-chloro benzene sulphonyl fluoride (2 parts) was stirred in acetic/propionic acid 86/14 vol/vol (25 parts) and cooled to 0-5°C. Nitrosyl sulphuric acid solution (3.8 parts) was added dropwise at 0-5°C and stirred under these conditions for 2 hours. The diazo solution was then added to a mixture of N-ethyl-N-benzyl aniline (2.7 parts), methanol (100 parts) and sulphamic acid (1 part) stirring at 0-5°C. After stirring under these conditions for 30 mins, ice/water (100 parts) was added and the mixture stirred for a further 1 hour. The product was isolated by filtration, washed with water and pulled dry. The damp solid was then slurried in methanol (100 parts) and re-filtered. Dried at 50°C to yield 4-(2-chloro-5-fluorosulphonyl phenyl azo)-N-ethyl-N-benzyl aniline (2.3 parts).

20 When applied to polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion, the dye gave yellow shades. λ_{max} 463nm.

25 The following examples of dyes of Formula:



40 were prepared by the procedure of Example 196:

Example	R ¹	R ²	R ⁴	λ_{max}/nm
197	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-H	421
198	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-C ₂ H ₄ COOCH ₂ CN	-H	429
5 199	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-CH ₃	429
200	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-C ₂ H ₄ COOC ₂ H ₅	-NHCOCH ₃	466
201	-C ₂ H ₄ OCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₄ OCOCH ₃	-NHCOCH ₃	473
202	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-H	442
10 203	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-CH ₃	449
204	-C ₄ H ₉	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-H	444
205	-C ₄ H ₈ OCOCH ₃	-C ₄ H ₈ OCOCH ₃	-CH ₃	477
206	-C ₂ H ₅	-CH ₂ phenyl	-CH ₃	469

15 Example 207.**Preparation of 4-(2-chloro-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-N-ethyl-N-benzyl aniline**

3-Chloro-4-amino benzene sulphonylfluoride (1 part) was stirred in acetic/propionic acid 86/14 vol/vol (15 parts) and cooled to 0-5°C. Nitrosyl sulphuric acid solution (1.9 parts) was added dropwise then stirred at 0-5°C for 2 hours. The diazo solution was then added to a stirred mixture of N-ethyl-N-benzyl aniline (2.0 parts), methanol (50 parts), sulphamic acid (0.5 parts) and sodium acetate (5 parts) with ice/water (100 parts) at 0-5°C. After stirring under these conditions for 1 hour, the dye was filtered off and washed well with water. The damp solid was slurried in methanol (100 parts) and re-filtered. Dried at 50°C to yield the product 4-(2-chloro-4-fluorosulphonyl phenylazo)-N-ethyl-N-benzyl aniline (1.5 parts). When applied to polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion the dye gave orange shades. λ_{max} 483nm

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Example 208**Preparation of 4-(2-chloro-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-acetamido-N,N-bis(2-acetoxyethyl) aniline**

The procedure of Example 207 was repeated except that in place of 2 parts of N-ethyl-N-benzyl aniline; 2 parts of N,N-bis(2-acetoxyethyl) aminoacetanilide were used to yield the product, 4-(2-chloro-4-fluorosulphonyl phenylazo)-3-acetamido-N,N-bis(2-acetoxyethyl) aniline (1.2 parts). When applied to polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion, the dye gave orange shades. λ_{max} 494nm.

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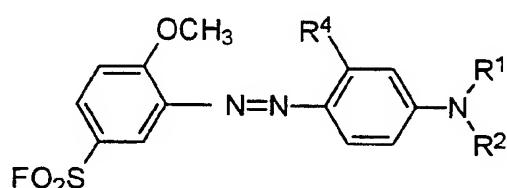
Example 209**Preparation of 4-(2-methoxy-5-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-methyl-N-ethyl-N-benzyl aniline**

3-Amino-4-methoxy benzene sulphonylfluoride (1 part) was stirred in acetic/propionic acid 86/14 vol/vol (15 parts) and cooled to

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0-5°C. Nitrosyl sulphuric acid solution (1.9 parts) was dropwise and stirred at 0-5°C for 2 hours. The diazo solution was then added to a stirred mixture of N-ethyl-N-benzyl-m-toluidine (1.3 parts), methanol (50 parts), sulphamic acid (0.5 parts) and sodium acetate (5 parts) stirring in ice/water at 0-5°C. After stirring for 2 hours under these conditions, the dye was filtered off and washed well with water. The damp solid was slurried in water and re-filtered. The dye was then stirred in methanol at room temperature for 1 hour, filtered, and dried at 50°C to yield the product, 4-(2-methoxy-5-fluorosulphonyl phenylazo)-3-methyl-N-ethyl-N-benzyl aniline (1.5 parts). When applied to polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion, the dye gave yellow shades. λ_{max} 450.

The following examples of dyes of Formula:



were prepared by the procedure of Example 209:

Example	R ¹	R ²	R ⁴	λ_{max} /nm
210	-C ₂ H ₅ OOCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₅ OOCOCH ₃	-CH ₃	455
211	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-H	449
212	-C ₂ H ₅	-H	-CH ₃	429
213	-C ₂ H ₅	-CH ₂ phenyl	-H	444

Example 214

Preparation of 4-(4-chloro-5-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-N,N-bis (2-cyanoethyl) aniline

i) 2-Chloro-5-nitro benzene sulphonic acid (484 parts) was charged to a flask then quickly added thionyl chloride (1190 parts) and dimethyl formamide (12 parts). The resultant slurry was heated to 60°C and stirred at 60-65°C for a total of 5 hours. The mixture was cooled to room temperature then poured onto ice/water. The precipitated solid was filtered off and washed with cold water before drying in vac oven to yield the product 2-chloro-5-nitro benzene sulphonylchloride (395 parts).

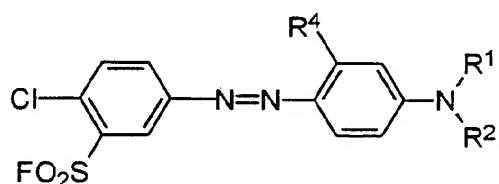
ii) 2-Chloro-5-nitro benzene sulphonylchloride (40 parts) was stirred in p-dioxane (48 parts) at room temperature. Potassium fluoride

(10 parts) dissolved in water (35 parts) was added, and the mixture heated to 70°C. Stirred at 70°C for 4 hours then cooled to room temperature and poured onto ice/water. Allowed to stand for 2 days then filtered off the precipitate and dried in air to yield the product 2-chloro-5-nitro benzene sulphonylfluoride (36 parts).

5 iii) The 2-chloro-5-nitro benzene sulphonylfluoride (2.4 parts) was stirred in glacial acetic acid (25 parts) with iron powder (2 parts). Heated to reflux and stirred at reflux for 2.5 hours, then cooled to room temperature, poured onto ice/water and allowed to stand at room temperature overnight. The resultant precipitate was filtered off and dried in air to yield the product 2-chloro-5-amino benzene sulphonylfluoride (0.8 parts).

10 iv) 2-Chloro-5-amino benzene sulphonylfluoride (2.1 parts) was stirred in acetic/propionic acid 86/14 vol/vol (25 parts) and cooled to 0-5°C. Nitrosyl sulphuric acid solution (3.8 parts) was added and stirred at 0-5°C for 3 hours. The diazo solution was then added to a mixture of N,N-bis(2-cyanoethyl) aniline (2.1 parts), methanol (75 parts) and sulphamic acid (1 part) stirring in ice/water (75 parts) at 0-5°C. Stirred under these conditions for 1 hour then allowed to stand at room temperature overnight before filtering off the dye. The solid was dried overnight to yield the product 4-(4-chloro-5-fluorosulphonyl phenylazo)-N,N-bis(2-cyanoethyl) aniline (3.6 parts). The dye, when applied to polyester material from an aqueous dispersion, gave yellow shades. λ_{max} 414nm.

15 The following Examples of dyes of Formula:



25 were prepared by the procedure of Example 214:

Example	R ¹	R ²	R ⁴	λ_{max}/nm
215	-C ₂ H ₄ OCOCH ₃	-C ₂ H ₄ OCOCH ₃	-NHCOCH ₃	476
216	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-C ₂ H ₄ COOC ₂ H ₅	-NHCOCH ₃	466
217	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-CH ₃	421
218	-C ₂ H ₅	-CH ₂ phenyl	-H	459
219	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-C ₂ H ₄ COOCH ₂ CN	-H	421

- 10 Example 220
Preparation of 4-(3-nitro-5-fluorosulphonylthien-2-ylazo)-3-acetamido-N,N-diethylamino aniline
- 15 i) 2-Chlorosulphonyl-5-chlorothiophene (19.8 parts) was added to fuming nitric acid (80 parts), allowing to exotherm to 35°C. Heated to 50°C and stirred under these conditions for 2 hours. Cooled to room temperature then poured onto ice/water with vigorous stirring. The white solid was filtered off and dried to yield the product 2-chlorosulphonyl-4-nitro-5-chlorothiophene (19 parts).
- 20 ii) 2-Chlorosulphonyl-4-nitro-5-chlorothiophene (20.1 parts) were stirred in p-dioxane (80 parts) at room temperature. Potassium fluoride (5.2 parts) in water (20 parts) was added and the mixture heated to 50°C. Stirred under these conditions for 4 hours, then cooled and poured onto ice/water. Ethyl acetate was then added to extract the product and separated. Dried over magnesium sulphate then screened and concentrated to yield the product 2-fluorosulphonyl-4-nitro-5-chlorothiophene (20.4 parts).
- 25 iii) The 2-fluorosulphonyl-4-nitro-5-chlorothiophene (20.4 parts), was added to methanol (240 parts) with hexamine (22.5 parts). Heated to reflux and stirred under these conditions for 4 hours. Cooled to room temperature and poured onto 10% sulphuric acid solution (250 parts). The product was extracted out with ethyl acetate, separated and dried over magnesium sulphate, then screened and concentrated to yield the product 2-fluorosulphonyl-4-nitro-2-aminothiophene (16 parts).
- 30 iv) 2-Fluorosulphonyl-4-nitro-5-aminothiophene (4.2 parts) was added over 30 mins to a stirred solution of acetic/propionic acid 86/14 vol/vol (60 parts) with nitrosyl sulphuric acid solution (10 parts) at 0-5°C. Stirred under these conditions for 4 hours. The diazo solution was then added to a mixture of 3-N,N-diethyl aminoacetanilide (4.2 parts), water (40 parts), methanol (15 parts), and sulphamic acid (1 part) stirring in 50% sulphuric acid solution at 0-5°C. Stirred under these conditions for 45 mins then filtered off the dye and washed well

with water. Dried in the oven overnight to yield the product 4-(3-nitro-5-fluorosulphonylthien-2-ylazo)-3-acetamido-N,N-(diethylamino)aniline (0.6 parts). When applied to polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion, the dye gave blue shades. λ_{max} 615nm.

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Example 221

Preparation of 4-(3-nitro-5-fluorosulphonylthien-2-ylazo)-3-methyl-N,N-diethylaminoaniline

The procedure of Example 220iv) was repeated except that in place of the 3-N,N-diethylaminoacetanilide 0.4 parts of 3-methyl-N,N-diethylaminoaniline was used to yield 4-(3-nitro-5-fluorosulphonylthien-2-ylazo)-3-methyl-N,N-diethylaminoaniline (0.3 parts). When applied to polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion the dye gave blue shades. λ_{max} 629nm.

General Method for the Preparation of Dye Examples 222 - 238

i) Preparation of 2-nitro-4-fluorosulphonylaniline

N-acetyl sulphanilyl chloride (100g) was dissolved in concentrated sulphuric acid (515 cm³), cooled to 4°C and a mixture of concentrated nitric acid (38.6 cm³) and concentrated sulphuric acid (42.9 cm³) added dropwise maintaining the temperature at 4-6°C. After 1 hour the reaction mix was drowned onto ice and the precipitate collected, extracted into dichloromethane and evaporated to a yellow solid (92g). 31g of this yellow solid was refluxed for 3 hours in water (20 cm³), p-dioxane (20 cm³) and KF (19.4g) then drowned onto ice and the precipitate collected. This precipitate was refluxed in absolute ethanol (35 cm³) and concentrated hydrochloric acid (35 cm³) for 1 hour then drowned onto ice, filtered and suction dried. Recrystallisation from ethanol yielded 8.7g of the required compound.

ii) Preparation of 2-nitro-4-fluorosulphonyl-6-chloroaniline

2-Nitro-5-chloracetanilide (10g) was added cautiously to chlorosulphonic acid (40cm³) then heated at 120°C for 2 hours. The reaction mix was cooled to 50°C and drowned onto ice. The precipitate was filtered, washed with a little water and suction dried. This solid was dispersed in water (20cm³), p-dioxane (20cm³) and KF (10g). After refluxing for 2 hours the reaction mix was drowned into water, the precipitate filtered and suction dried. This solid was refluxed in water (50cm³) and 36% HCl (50cm³) for 1 hour, drowned onto ice and the precipitate collected. Yield 3.5g.

2-Nitro-4-fluorosulphonylaniline (0.01mol) (for dyes 222-230) or 2-nitro-6-chloro-4-fluorosulphonyl-aniline (0.01mol) (for dyes 231-238) was dispersed in a mixture of acetic:propionic acid (86:14) (25ml) and cooled to 0-5°C and nitrosylsulphuric acid (0.01mol) was then added

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portionwise at 0-5°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min. at 0-5°C and then added dropwise to a mixture of the required coupler (0.01mol), methanol (50ml) and ice (50g) maintaining the acidity between pH3 and pH5 by addition of sodium acetate. The resultant precipitate was filtered, washed with water and then methanol 1:1 water and dried in air. The dry dye, when applied to polyester as an aqueous dispersion, gave good fastness to washing, light and heat.

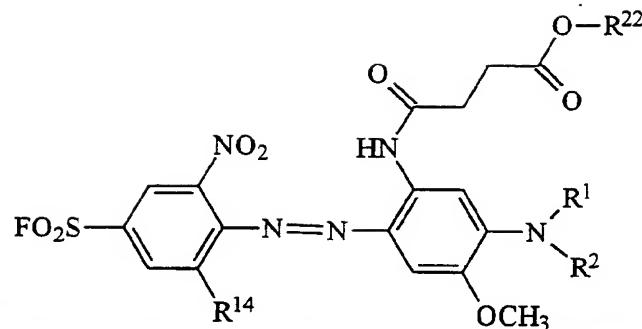
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10 (i) Preparation of Couplers for Dye Examples 222 - 224, 226, 229 and 231 - 235 - Method 1:

Dye Examples 222 - 224, 226, 229 and 231 - 235 were prepared from the appropriate N,N-dialkyl-(3-ethylsuccinamido-6-methoxy)aniline coupling components which were prepared according to the following method. A mixture of 3-(N,N-dialkyl)-4-methoxyaniline (0.01mol), ethylsuccinyl chloride (0.01mol) and pyridine (0.01mol) in dichloromethane (50ml) was stirred and heated under gentle reflux for 4h and then allowed to cool and was then drowned out into water. The resulting product was extracted into dichloromethane, dried ($MgSO_4$) and evaporated to dryness in vacuo to yield the required coupler as a brown oil.

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25 (ii) Preparation of Couplers for Dye Examples 225, 227, 228, 230 and 236 - 238 - Method 2:

Dye Examples 225, 227, 228, 230 and 236 - 238 were prepared from the appropriate N,N-dialkyl-(3-ethylsuccinamido-6-methoxy)aniline coupling components which were prepared according to the following method. A mixture of 3-(N,N-dialkylamino)-4-methoxyaniline (0.01mol) and succinic anhydride (0.01mol) in anhydrous toluene (50ml) was stirred for 1.5h and then evaporated to dryness in vacuo to give a brown gum. The brown gum (the carboxylic acid intermediate) was esterified by treatment with an appropriate alcohol (0.1mol) and conc. sulphuric acid (1ml) at 100°C for 1h and was then allowed to cool. The mixture was drowned out into water and the product was extracted into ethyl acetate, dried ($MgSO_4$) and evaporated to dryness in vacuo to yield the required coupler as a brown oil.

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35 Dye Examples 222 - 238 are summarised below:-



Example	R ¹⁴	R ¹	R ²	R ²²	max/nm
222	-H	-C ₃ H ₇	-C ₃ H ₇	-C ₂ H ₅	592
223	-H	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	590
224	-H	-C ₄ H ₉	-C ₄ H ₉	-C ₂ H ₅	594
226	-H	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	591
226	-H	-C ₂ H ₅	-CH ₂ phenyl	-C ₂ H ₅	585
227	-H	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂	590
228	-H	C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-CH ₂ phenyl	591
229	-H	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₄ phenyl	-C ₂ H ₅	588
230	-H	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-CH ₂ (tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)	590
231	-Cl	-C ₃ H ₇	-C ₃ H ₇	-C ₂ H ₅	609
232	-Cl	-C ₂ H ₅	-CH ₂ phenyl	-C ₂ H ₅	601
233	-Cl	-C ₄ H ₉	-C ₄ H ₉	-C ₂ H ₅	610
234	-Cl	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	607
235	-Cl	-C ₂ H ₅	-CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ CH ₃	-C ₂ H ₅	606
236	-Cl	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	607
237	-Cl	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂	607
238	-Cl	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-CH ₂ phenyl	607

Preparation of Dye Examples 239 - 246

Dye Examples 239 - 246 were prepared using the same general method as was used for the preparation of dye examples 222 - 238. The dyes, when applied to polyester as aqueous dispersions, gave good fastness to washing light and heat.

The couplers for dye Examples 239, 240 and 246 were prepared from 3-(N,N-diethylamino)-4-methoxyaniline according to the method 1 using acetyl salicoyl chloride (0.01mol) in place of ethylsuccinyl chloride.

5 The coupler for dye Example 241 was prepared from 3-(N,N-diethylamino)-4-methoxyaniline according to the method 1 using butylchloroformate (0.01mol) in place of ethylsuccinyl chloride. The coupler for dye Example 242 was prepared from 3-(N,N-diethylamino)-4-methoxyaniline according to the method 1 using ethylmalonyl chloride (0.01mol) in place of ethylsuccinyl chloride.

10 The coupler for dye Example 243 was prepared from 3-(N,N-diethylamino)-4-methoxyaniline according to the method 2 using maleic anhydride (0.01mol) in place of succinic anhydride and ethanol as the esterifying alcohol.

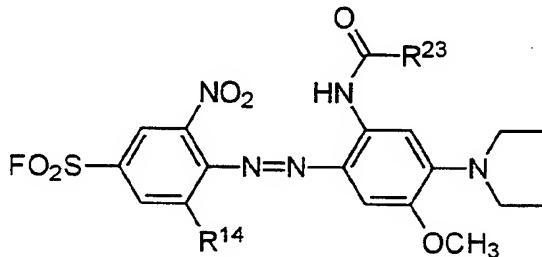
15 The coupler for dye Example 244 was prepared from 3-(N,N-diethylamino)-4-methoxyaniline according to the method 2 using 2,2-dimethylsuccinic anhydride (0.01mol) in place of succinic anhydride and ethanol as the esterifying alcohol.

20 The coupler for dye Example 245 was prepared from 3-(N,N-diethylamino)-4-methoxyaniline according to the method 1 using 4-methoxycarbonylphenylchloroformate (0.01mol) in place of ethylsuccinyl chloride.

Dye Examples 239 - 246 are summarised below :-

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Example	R ¹⁴	R ²³	λ_{max} /nm
239	-H	2-OOCCH ₃ phenyl	598
240	-H	2-OHphenyl	590
5 241	-H	-OC ₄ H ₉	587
242	-H	-CH ₂ COOC ₂ H ₅	591
243	-H	-CH=CHCOOC ₂ H ₅	596
244	-H	-CH ₂ C(CH ₃) ₂ COOC ₂ H ₅	592
10 245	-H	4-COOCH ₃ phenyl	573
246	-Cl	4-OOCCH ₃ phenyl	601

Example 247Preparation of 5-(2,5-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-4,6-diaminopropylthiopyrimidine

The procedure of Example 1 was repeated except that in place of the 1.6 parts of N,N-bis-(2-cyanoethyl)aniline; 1.5 parts of 4,6-diamino-2-propylthiopyrimidine were used. The product, 5-(2,5-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-4,6-diaminopropylthiopyrimidine (3.4 parts) λ_{max} =420nm, when applied to polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion gives bright yellow shades with excellent fastness to light and wet treatments.

Example 248Preparation of 4-(2,5-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-chloro-N-ethyl,N-methylphthalimidoaniline

The procedure of Example 1 was repeated except that in place of the 1.6 parts of N,N-bis-(2-cyanoethyl)aniline; 2.6 parts of 3-chloro-N-ethyl,N-methylphthalimidoaniline were used. The product, 4-(2,5-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-chloro-N-ethyl,N-methylphthalimidoaniline (4.0 parts) λ_{max} =455nm, when applied to polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion gives orange shades with excellent fastness to light and wet treatments.

Example 249Preparation of 4-(2,5-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-methylmorpholinobenzene

The procedure of Example 1 was repeated except that in place of the 1.6 parts of N,N-bis-(2-cyanoethyl)aniline; 1.5 parts of 3-methylmorpholinobenzene were used. The product, 4-(2,5-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-methylmorpholinobenzene (1.9 parts) λ_{max} =480nm, when applied to polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion gives dull bluish red shades with excellent fastness to light and wet treatments.

Example 250Preparation of 4-(2-nitro-4-fluorosulphonyl-6-chlorophenylazo)-1-(N-ethylamino)naphthalene

The procedure of Example 139 was used except that 1-(N-ethylamino) naphthalene (7.86 nmol) was used in place of the 3-(N,N-diethylamino) acetanilide. The dye has a λ_{max} of 571 nm.

Example 251Preparation of 4-(2-nitro-4-fluorosulphonyl-6-chlorophenylazo)-1-(N-ethyl-N-n-propylamino)naphthalene

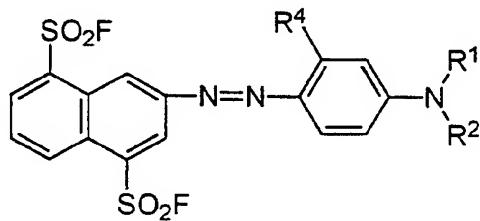
The procedure of Example 139 was used except that 1-(N-ethyl-N-n-propylamino) naphthalene was used in place of the 3-(N,N-diethylamino) acetanilide. The dye has a λ_{max} of 578nm.

Example 252Preparation of 4-(4,8-difluorosulphonylnaphth-2-ylazo)N,N-diethylaniline

To a mixture of 2-amino-4,8difluorosulphonylnaphthalene (1.6 parts) and acetic/propionic acid mixture (20 parts, 86/14 vol/vol), stirring at 0.5°C, was added dropwise nitrosyl sulphuric acid soln (1.5 parts). The mixture was stirred at this temperature for a further 15 mins.

The diazo solution was added to a mixture of N,N-diethylaniline (0.9 parts), methanol (50 parts) and sulphamic acid (0.5 parts); stirring at 0.5°C. After stirring for 2 hours at this temperature, the product was isolated by filtration, washed with water and dried at 50°C to yield; 4-(4,8-difluorosulphonylnaphthyl-2-azo)-N,N-diethylaniline (1.6 parts). When applied to polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion, the dye gives red shades with excellent fastness to wet treatments. λ_{max} of 500nm.

The following Examples of dyes of Formula:



were prepared by the procedure of Example 252:

Example	R ¹	R ²	R ⁴	λ_{max}
253	-C ₄ H ₉	-C ₄ H ₉	-H	509
254	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃	519
255	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	-NHCOCH ₃	530
256	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-C ₂ H ₄ CN	-H	460

Example 257

Preparation of 4-(2-cyan-4-nitrophenylazo)-N-ethyl-N-2-(4-fluorosulphonylphenoxy)ethylaniline

To a mixture of 2-cyano-4-nitroaniline (1.5 parts) and acetic/propionic acid mixture (10 parts, 86/14 vol/vol), stirring at 0.5°C, was added dropwise nitrosyl sulphuric acid soln (2.0 parts).

The mixture was stirred at this temperature for a further 30 mins.

The diazo solution was added to a mixture of N-ethyl,N-2-(4-fluorosulphonylphenoxy)-ethylaniline (3.0 parts), methanol (50 parts) and sulphamic acid (0.5 parts); stirring at 0.5°C. After stirring for 2 hours at this temperature, the product was isolated by filtration, washed with water and dried at 50°C to yield; 4-(2-cyano-4-nitrophenylazo)-N-ethyl,N-2-(4-fluorosulphonylphenoxy)ethylaniline (3.0 parts). When applied to polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion, the dye gives bluish red shades with excellent light fastness and excellent fastness to wet treatments. λ_{max} of 530nm.

Example 258

Preparation of 4-(3-acetyl-5-nitrothien-2-ylazo)-N-ethyl-N-2-(4-fluorosulphonylphenoxy) ethylaniline

The procedure of Example 257 was repeated except that in place of the 1.5 parts of 2-cyano-4-nitroaniline; 1.7 parts of 2-amino-3-acetyl-5-nitrothiophene were used. The product 4-(3-acetyl-5-nitrothienyl-2-azo)-N-ethyl,N-2-(4-fluorosulphonylphenoxy)ethylaniline (2.0 parts) when applied to polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion gives reddish blue shades with excellent fastness to light and wet treatments. λ_{max} of 590nm.

Example 259

Preparation of 4-(2-chloro-4-nitrophenylazo)-3-methyl-N-ethyl-N-2-(4-fluorosulphonylphenoxy)ethylaniline

To chlorosulphonic acid (17.5 parts) stirring at 0.5°C, was added gradually 3-methyl-4-(2-chloro-4-nitrophenylazo)-N-ethyl,N-2-phenoxyethylaniline (8.0 parts). Thionyl chloride (5.4 parts) was added and the mixture was stirred at 0.5°C for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into ice/water (500 parts), the product was isolated

by filtration and washed acid-free with cold water.

The filter cake was set stirring with 1,4-dioxan (40 parts) and a solution of potassium fluoride (1.8 parts) in water (10 parts) was added. The mixture was heated at 60°C for 3 hours, cooled to ambient and the product was isolated by filtration to yield; 5
3-methyl-4-(2-chloro-4-nitrophenylazo)-N-ethyl,N-2-(4-fluorosulphonylphenoxy)ethylaniline (4.5 parts).

The product when applied to polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion gives mid red shades with excellent fastness to light and wet treatments. λ_{max} of 510nm. 10

Example 260

Preparation of 4-(6-thiocyanatobenzothiazol-2-ylazo)-N-ethyl-N-2-(4-fluorosulphonylphenoxy)ethylaniline

The procedure of Example 257 was repeated except that in place of the 1.5 parts of 2-cyano-4-nitroaniline; 1.9 parts of 2-amino-15
6-thiocyanatobenzthiazole were used.

The product, 4-(6-thiocyanatobenzthiazolyl-2-azo)-N-ethyl,N-2-(4-fluorosulphonylphenoxy)ethylaniline (1.4 parts) when applied to 20
polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion gives bluish red shades with excellent fastness to light and wet treatments. λ_{max} of 522nm.

Example 261

Preparation of 4-(2,6-dichloro-4-nitrophenylazo)-N-ethyl-N-2-(4-fluorosulphonylphenoxy)ethylaniline

The procedure of Example 257 was repeated except that in place of the 1.5 parts of 2-cyano-4-nitroaniline; 1.9 parts of 2-amino-25
6-thiocyanatobenzthiazole were used.

The product, 4-(6-thiocyanatobenzthiazolyl-2-azo)-N-ethyl,N-2-(4-fluorosulphonylphenoxy)ethylaniline (1.4 parts) when applied to 30
polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion gives bluish red shade with excellent fastness to light and wet treatments. λ_{max} of 522nm.

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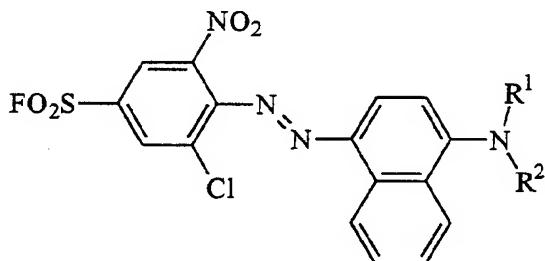
Preparation of 4-(6-thiocyanatobenzothiazol-2-ylazo)-3-methyl-N-ethyl-N-2-(4-fluorosulphonylphenoxy)ethylaniline

The procedure of Example 257 was repeated except that in place of the 3.0 parts of N-ethyl,N-2-(4-fluorosulphonylphenoxy)ethylaniline, 3.1 parts of N-ethyl,N-2-(4-fluorosulphonylphenoxy)ethyl-m-toluidine were used. 40

The product, 3-methyl-4-(6-thiocyanatobenzthiazolyl-2-azo)-N-ethyl,N-2-(4-fluorosulphonylphenoxy)ethylaniline (1.7 parts) when applied to polyester materials from an aqueous dispersion gives violet shades with excellent fastness to light and wet treatments. λ_{max} of 45
540nm.

Examples 263 and 264

Dyes prepared by the procedure described for Example 139 but using the 1-naphthylamine in place of 3-(N,N-diethylamino)acetanilide are of Formula :



Example	R ₁	R ₂	_{max} /nm
263	C ₂ H ₅	H	571
264	C ₂ H ₅	C ₃ H ₇	578

Example 265Preparation of 1-n-butyl-5(2,5-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-cyano-6-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-oxo-1H-pyridine

The procedure of Example 1 was repeated except that in place of the 3.0g of 3-methyl-N-ethyl-N-(2-benzoyloxyethyl)aniline, 1.8g of 1-n-butyl-3-cyano-6-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-oxo-1H-pyridine were used. The product 1-n-butyl-5(2,5-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-cyano-6-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-oxo-1H-pyridine (2.5g) when applied to polyester materials from aqueous dispersion gives greenish yellow shades with excellent wet and light fastness properties. $\lambda_{max}=435\text{nm}$.

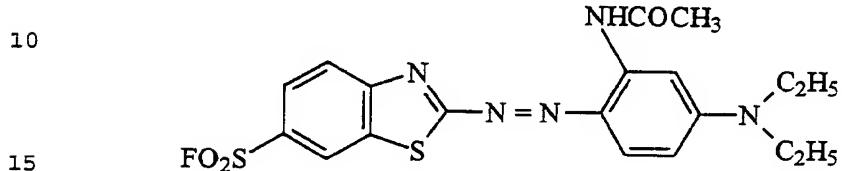
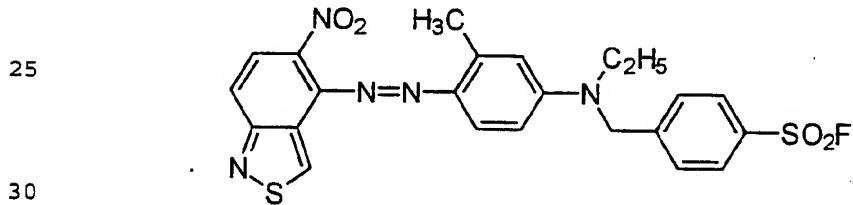
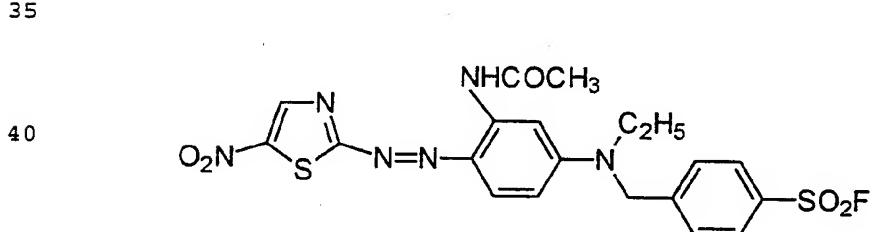
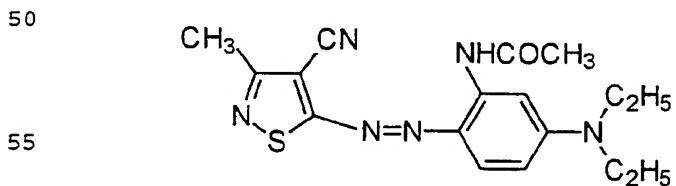
Example 266Preparation of 1-phenyl-3-t-butyl-5-amino-4-(2,5-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo) pyrazole

The procedure of Example 1 was repeated except that in place of the 3.0g of 3-methyl-N-ethyl-N-(2-benzoyloxyethyl)aniline, 1.5g of 1-phenyl-3-t-butyl-5-aminopyrazole were used. The product 1-phenyl-3-t-butyl-5-amino-4-(2,5-dichloro-4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo) pyrazole (2.1g) when applied to polyester materials form aqueous dispersion gives greenish yellow shades with excellent wet and light fastness properties. $\lambda_{max}=442\text{nm}$.

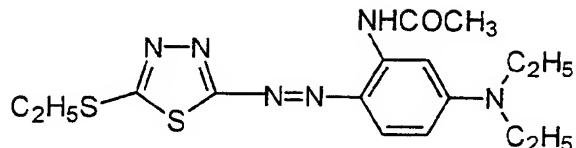
Examples 267-278

The dyes of the following formulae may be made by the procedure of Example 1 by diazotising the appropriate amine and coupling onto the appropriate coupling component :-

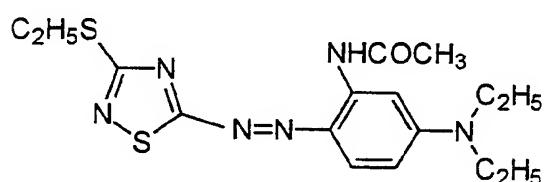
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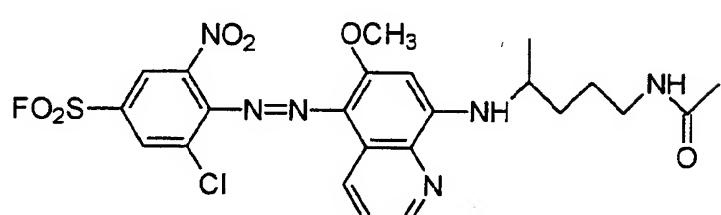
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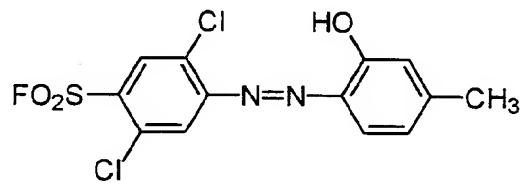
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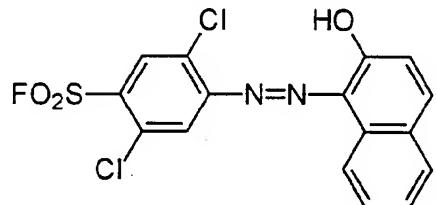
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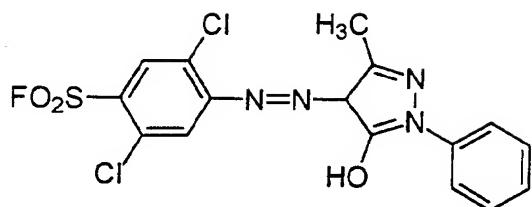
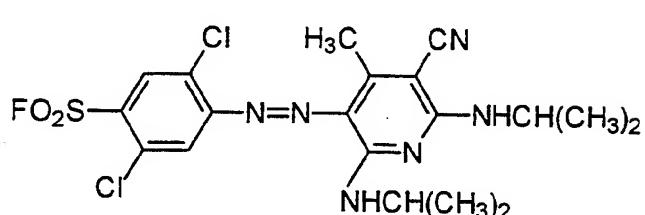
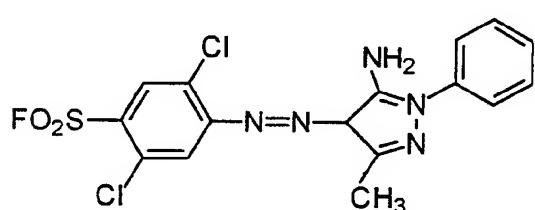


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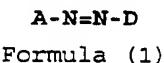
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5 1. A process for colouring a synthetic textile material or fibre blend thereof which comprises applying to the synthetic textile material a compound or mixture thereof, which is free from water solubilising groups, of Formula (1):

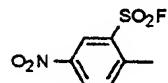


wherein:

A and D each independently is an optionally substituted heterocyclic or carbocyclic group and

15 at least one of A or D carries directly at least one $-\text{SO}_2\text{F}$ group or carries a substituent to which at least one $-\text{SO}_2\text{F}$ group is attached except for 4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-N,N-dimethylaniline, provided that one of A or D is not 3,5-difluorosulphonylthien-2-yl, optionally substituted 1-phenyl-pyrazol-4-yl-5-one or

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or that one of A or D does not carry an $-\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$, $-\text{NCOCH}_2\text{Cl}$ or $-\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_2\text{F}$ substituent.

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2. A process for colouring a synthetic textile material or fibre blend thereof which comprises applying to the synthetic textile material a compound or mixture thereof, which is free from water solubilising groups, of Formula (1) wherein A and D each independently is an optionally substituted heterocyclic or carbocyclic group in which at least one of A or D carries directly at least one $-\text{SO}_2\text{F}$ group or carries a substituent to which at least one $-\text{SO}_2\text{F}$ group is attached and at least one of A or D carries directly at least one ester group or carries a substituent to which at least one ester group is attached.

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3. A process for colouring a polyester textile material or fibre blend thereof which comprises applying to the polyester textile material a compound or mixture thereof, which is free from water solubilising groups, of Formula (1) in which A and D are as herein before defined except for 4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-N,N-dimethylaniline, provided that one of A or D is not 3,5-

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difluorosulphonylthien-2-yl, optionally substituted 1-phenylpyrazol-4-yl-5-one or 4-nitro-2-fluorosulphonylphenyl or that one of A or D does not carry an $-NCH_2CH_2SO_2F$ substituent.

5. A process according to any one of claims 1 to 3 in which A and D each independently is selected from thienyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, pyridyl, pyridonyl, 1,2,4- and 1,3,4-thiadiazolyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, pyridazyl, pyrimidyl, pyrazinyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoisothiazolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, indolyl, pyridothiazolyl, pyridoisothiazolyl, 1,2,3-triazolyl, 1,2,4-triazolyl, phenyl and naphthyl.

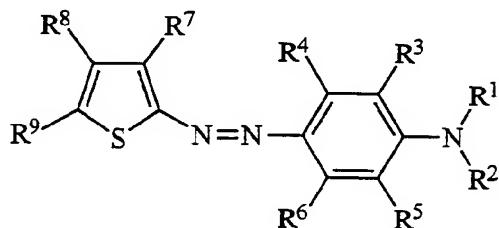
10. A process according to any one of claims 1 to 3 in which A and D each independently is selected from thienyl, phenyl, naphthyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyridonyl, quinolinyl.

15. A process according to any one of claims 1 to 3 in which A and D each independently is selected from thien-2-yl, phenyl, naphth-1-yl, naphth-2-yl, thiazol-2-yl, isothiazol-5-yl, pyrid-4-one-5-yl or quinolinyl.

20. A process according to any one of claims 1 to 3 in which A is thien-2-yl or phenyl and D is phenyl or naphth-1-yl.

25. 8. A process according to any one of claims 1 to 3 in which the compound of Formula (1) is of Formula (3):

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Formula (3)

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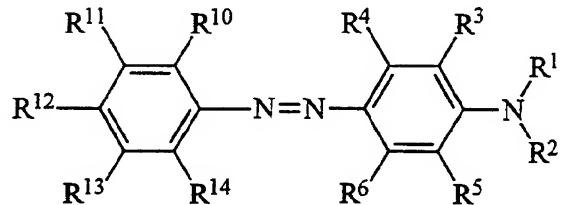
wherein:

R¹ and R² each independently is -H or optionally substituted C₁₋₆-alkyl or optionally substituted aryl;

R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ each independently is -H, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -SO₂F or C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₁₋₆-alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkanoylamino, -NHSO₂alkyl or

5 -Ophenyl each of which may be optionally substituted;
 R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ each independently is -H, C₁₋₆-alkyl, -NO₂, -COOC₁₋₆-alkyl,
 -OCOalkyl, -Cl, -F, -Br, -I, -COC₁₋₆-alkyl, -CN, formyl,
 protected formyl or -SO₂F provided that at least one of R¹ to
 R⁹ is -SO₂F or carries a substituent to which at least one
 -SO₂F group is attached and provided that R⁷ and R⁹ are not
 both -SO₂F.

10 9. A process according to any one of claims 1 to 3 in which the
 compound of Formula (1) is of Formula (4):



20 Formula (4)

wherein:

25 R¹ and R² each independently is -H or optionally substituted C₁₋₆-alkyl or
 optionally substituted aryl;

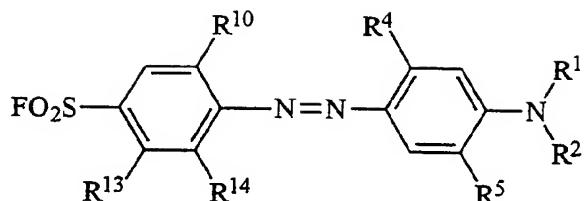
R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ each independently is -H, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -SO₂F or
 C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆-alkoxy, C₁₋₄-alkanoylamino, -NHSO₂alkyl or -
 Ophenyl each of which may be optionally substituted; and

30 R¹⁰ to R¹⁴ each independently is -H, alkoxy, alkyl, -NO₂, -SO₂F, -F, -Cl,
 -Br, -I or -CN;

provided that when R¹⁰ is SO₂F, R¹² is not -NO₂ and R¹¹, R¹³ and R¹⁴ are not
 all -H.

35 10. A process according to any one of claims 1 to 3 in which the
 compound of Formula (1) is of Formula (7):

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Formula (7)

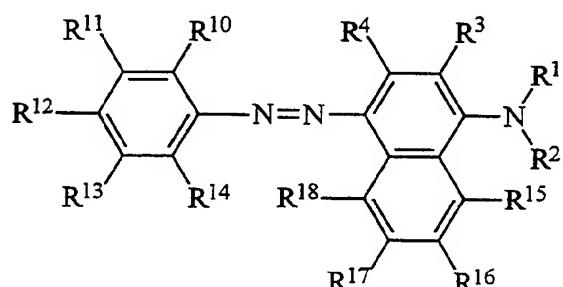
in which

15 R^1 and R^2 each independently is optionally substituted C_{1-6} -alkyl;
 R^4 is alkyl or a group of Formula $R^{19}-N-Y-X-W$
 in which Y is a direct link or $C = O$, X is a direct link,
 alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, heterocyclic, alkylOalkyl, $-NR^{20}-Z-$, $-COOZ$ or $-O-Z$ in which Z is alkyl, alkenyl, aryl,
 heterocyclic, alkylOalkyl or a direct link and
 R^{20} is $-H$, alkyl, aryl or alkylaryl, W is $-CO_2R^{21}$, $-OCOR^{21}$ or $-OH$
 in which R^{21} is alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, alkylOalkyl or
 alkyloOH, and R^{19} is $-H$ or alkyl;
 R^5 is $-H$, C_{1-6} -alkoxy or $-O$ phenyl;
 R^{10} is $-NO_2$ or $-Cl$; and
 R^{13} and R^{14} each independently is $-H$ or $-Cl$.

11. A process according to any one of claims 1 to 3 in which the compound of Formula (1) is of Formula (5):

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Formula (5)

wherein

- R¹ and R² each independently is -H, optionally substituted C₁₋₆-alkyl;
- R³ is optionally substituted C₁₋₆-alkyl or C₁₋₆-alkoxy;
- R⁴ is optionally substituted C₁₋₆-alkyl or C₁₋₆-alkoxy;
- 5 R¹⁰ is optionally substituted C₁₋₆-alkyl, NO₂ or Cl;
- R¹⁵ to R¹⁸ each independently is -H, -C₁₋₆-alkyl, -C₁₋₆-alkoxy, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -SO₂F, -NO₂, -CN or -NR¹R²;
- R¹² is -NO₂ or -SO₂F;
- 10 R¹¹ is -H; and
- R¹³ and R¹⁴ each independently is -H or -Cl.

12. A compound of Formula (2):



15 Formula (2)

in which:

A¹ and D¹ each independently is an optionally substituted heterocyclic or carbocyclic group

and at least one of A¹ or D¹ carries directly at least one -SO₂F group or carries a substituent to which at least one -SO₂F group is attached

except for 4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-N,N-dimethylaniline,
4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-N,N-diethylaniline,

4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-N-ethyl-N-acetoxyethylaniline,

1- (5-fluorosulphonyl-2-methylphenylazo)-2-hydroxynaphthalene,

25 4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-(trifluoromethylcarbonylamino)-N-ethyl-N-(2-methoxyethyl)aniline,

4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-3-(trifluoromethylcarbonylamino)-N-ethyl-N-(2-cyanoethyl)aniline,

4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-2,5-dimethyl-N-ethyl-N-(2-methoxyethyl)aniline,

4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-2,5-dimethyl-N-ethyl-N-(2-cyanoethyl)aniline,

4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-N-ethyl-N-(2-fluorosulphonylethyl)aniline,

35 4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-N,N-di(2-fluorosulphonylethyl)aniline,
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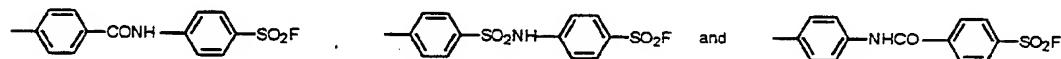
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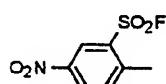
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4-(5-fluorosulphonyl-2-methylphenylazo)-2-ethoxyaniline,
 4-(3-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-2,5-dimethoxyaniline,
 4-(2-chloro-4-nitrophenylazo)-2-methyl-5-fluorosulphonylaniline,
 provided that A¹ is not 3,5-difluorosulphonylthien-2-yl, optionally
 5 substituted pyrazol-4-yl-5-one or N-allylpyrid-2-one-5-yl and provided
 that A¹ is not



10 when D¹ carries an -NCH₂CH(OH)CH₂Cl substituent and provided that one of
 A¹ or D¹ is not



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and provided that A¹ is not a fluorosulphonylphenyl group when D¹ is an
 arylamide of an aromatic 2-hydroxycarboxylic acid.

13. A compound of Formula (1):

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A-N=N-D
 Formula (1)

wherein

25 A and D each independently is an optionally substituted heterocyclic or
 carbocyclic group in which at least one of A or D carries directly at
 least one -SO₂F group or carries a substituent to which at least one -
 SO₂F group is attached and at least one of A or D carries directly at
 least one ester group or carries a substituent to which at least one
 ester group is attached.

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14. A compound according to claim 13 in which A and D each
 independently is selected from thienyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl,
 pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, pyridyl, pyridonyl, 1,2,4- and 1,3,4-
 thiadiazolyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, pyridazyl, pyrimidyl, pyrazinyl,
 benzothiazolyl, benzoisothiazolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, indolyl,
 pyridothiazolyl, pyridoisothiazolyl, 1,2,3-triazolyl, 1,2,4-triazolyl,
 phenyl and naphthyl.

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15. A compound according to claim 13 in which A and D each
 independently is selected from thienyl, phenyl, naphthyl, thiazolyl,

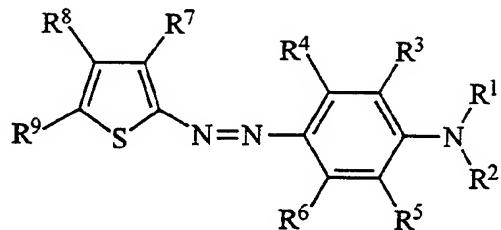
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isothiazolyl, pyridonyl, quinolinyl.

16. A compound according to claim 13 in which A and D each independently is selected from thien-2-yl, phenyl, naphth-1-yl, naphth-2-yl, thiazol-2-yl, isothiazol-5-yl, pyrid-4-one-5-yl or quinolinyl.

5 17. A compound according to claim 13 in which A is thien-2-yl or phenyl and D is phenyl or naphth-1-yl.

10 18. A compound according to claim 13 in which the compound of Formula (1) is of Formula (3):



20 Formula (3)

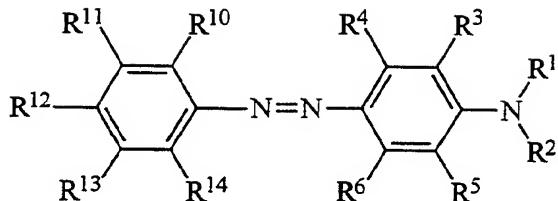
wherein:

25 R¹ and R² each independently is -H or optionally substituted C₁₋₆-alkyl or optionally substituted aryl;

R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ each independently is -H, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -SO₂F or C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₁₋₆-alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkanoylamino, -NHSO₂alkyl or -O-phenyl each of which may be optionally substituted;

30 R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ each independently is -H, C₁₋₆-alkyl, -NO₂, -COOC₁₋₆-alkyl, -OCOalkyl, -Cl, -F, -Br, -I, -COC₁₋₆-alkyl, -CN, formyl, protected formyl or -SO₂F provided that at least one of R¹ to R⁹ is -SO₂F or carries a substituent to which at least one -SO₂F group is attached and provided that R⁷ and R⁹ are not both -SO₂F.

35 19. A compound according to claim 13 in which the compound of Formula (1) is of Formula (4):



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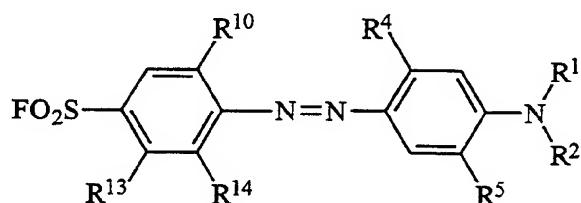
Formula (4)

wherein:

15 R^1 and R^2 each independently is -H or optionally substituted C_{1-6} -alkyl or
optionally substituted aryl;
 R^3 , R^4 , R^5 and R^6 each independently is -H, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, $-\text{SO}_2\text{F}$ or
 C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} -alkoxy, C_{1-4} -alkanoylamino, $-\text{NH}\text{SO}_2\text{alkyl}$ or -
Ophenyl each of which may be optionally substituted; and
20 R^{10} to R^{14} each independently is -H, alkoxy, alkyl, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{F}$, -F, -Cl,
-Br, -I or -CN;

provided that when R^{10} is $-\text{SO}_2\text{F}$, R^{12} is not $-\text{NO}_2$ and R^{11} , R^{13} and R^{14} are not
all -H.

25 20. A compound according to claim 13 in which the compound of
Formula (1) is of Formula (7):



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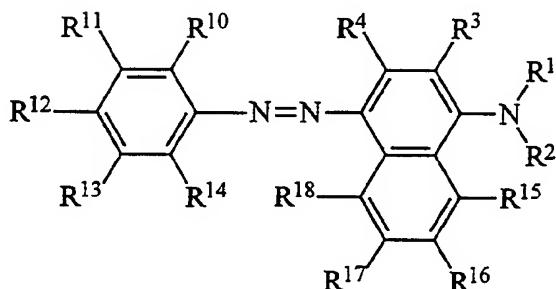
Formula (7)

40 in which

R^1 and R^2 each independently is optionally substituted C_{1-6} -alkyl;
 R^4 is alkyl or a group of Formula $\text{R}^{19}-\text{N}(\text{Y}-\text{X}-\text{W})$
in which Y is a direct link or C = O, X is a direct link,
alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, heterocyclic, alkylOalkyl, $-\text{NR}^{20}-\text{Z}-$,

COOZ or -O-Z in which Z is alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, heterocyclic, alkylOalkyl or a direct link and R²⁰ is -H, alkyl, aryl or alkylaryl, W is -CO₂R²¹, -OCOR²¹ or -OH in which R²¹ is alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, alkylOalkyl or alkylOH, and R¹⁹ is -H or alkyl;
 5 R⁵ is -H, C₁₋₆-alkoxy or -O-phenyl;
 R¹⁰ is -NO₂ or -Cl; and
 R¹³ and R¹⁴ each independently is -H or -Cl.

10 21. A compound according to claim 13 in which the compound of Formula (1) is of Formula (5):



25 Formula (5)

wherein

R¹ and R² each independently is -H, optionally substituted C₁₋₆-alkyl;
 R³ is optionally substituted C₁₋₆-alkyl or C₁₋₆-alkoxy;
 30 R⁴ is optionally substituted C₁₋₆-alkyl or C₁₋₆-alkoxy;
 R¹⁰ is optionally substituted C₁₋₆-alkyl, NO₂ or Cl;
 R¹⁵ to R¹⁸ each independently is -H, -C₁₋₆-alkyl, -C₁₋₆-alkoxy, -F,
 -Cl, -Br, -I, -SO₂F, -NO₂, -CN or -NR¹R²;
 R¹² is -NO₂ or -SO₂F;
 35 R¹¹ is -H; and
 R¹³ and R¹⁴ each independently is -H or -Cl.

22. A dispersion comprising a compound of Formula (1):

40 A-N=N-D

Formula (1)

wherein

A and D each independently is an optionally substituted heterocyclic or

carbocyclic group and
at least one of A or D carries directly at least one -SO₂F group or
carries a substituent to which at least one -SO₂F group is attached
except for 4-(4-fluorosulphonylphenylazo)-N,N-dimethylaniline, provided
5 that one of A or D is not 3,5-difluorosulphonylthien-2-yl, optionally
substituted 1-phenyl-pyrazol-4-yl-5-one or



or that one of A or D does not carry an -NCH₂CH(OH)CH₂Cl, -NCOCH₂Cl or
-NCH₂CH₂SO₂F substituent and water.

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23. A process for the mass coloration of plastics which comprises incorporating into a plastics material a compound or mixture thereof which is free from water solubilising groups, of Formula (1) wherein A and D each independently is an optionally substituted heterocyclic or carbocyclic group and at least one of A or D carries directly at least one -SO₂F group or carries a substituent to which at least one -SO₂F group is attached.

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24. A process for the mass coloration of plastics which comprises incorporating into a plastics material a compound or mixture thereof which is free from water solubilising groups, of Formula (1) wherein A and D each independently is an optionally substituted heterocyclic or carbocyclic group and at least one of A or D carries directly a least one -SO₂F group or carries a substituent to which at least one -SO₂F group is attached and at least one of A or D carries directly at least one ester group or carries a substituent to which at least one ester group is attached.

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